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PREMIER DROPS A BOMBSHELL.

RUBBER RESTRICTION TO BE ABOLISHED.

MARKET BREAKS IN LONDON AND NEW YORK.

COMMONS CRITICISM.

London, Apr. 4.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Cabinet has decided that all restrictions on the export of rubber from Malaya and Ceylon will be removed on November 1st, next, and that the existing restriction scheme will continue unaltered in the meantime.

The Premier stated that the Government had received the report of the Committee of Civil Research on the question of rubber restriction, with the result that it had been decided to bring the Stevenson Scheme to an end.

Mr. D. Kirkwood (Lab.):—Why should there be a restriction on rubber?

Too Long to Explain.

Mr. Baldwin replied that it would take a quarter of an hour to explain that, but he could assure Mr. Kirkwood that there would be a debate on the subject and full information would be given.

Sir Frank Nelson:—Does the removal of the rubber restriction scheme require the sanction of the House of Commons?

Mr. Baldwin asked for notice of the question, but said he thought it could be done by order of the Colonial Office.

Mr. Neil MacLean:—If you have the right to remove restrictions or impose restrictions, what is the use of having a debate on the matter?

Mr. Kirkwood's Suspensions.

Mr. Kirkwood declared:—There is something behind all this.

Lieut.-Commr. J. M. Kenworthy intimated that he would raise the question again to-morrow.

Members of the House interviewed by Reuter subsequent to Mr. Baldwin's announcement generally expressed surprise at its nature.

Sir Robert Hutchison said "It will mean disaster to the industry. Thousands will be ruined. Many estates will have to close, and the number of unemployed in Malaya will be a menace to the Government. Ultimately the control of the industry will pass into American hands."

"Brutal Declaration"

Sir William Lane-Mitchell said "Mr. Baldwin's brutal declaration indicated that he has no appreciation of the effect of the statement."

Sir Frank Nelson:—"The decision is deplorable from an electoral point of view."

Mr. H. E. Crawford:—"The removal of the restrictions will mean in the long run that efficient estates will become established and the speculative grower will not be so prominent."

Absolute consternation was caused on the Rubber Exchange by Mr. Baldwin's announcement.

Crash on Market.

The price of spot rubber dropped 2d. per lb almost immediately. There were, however, few buyers, most of the members preferring to wait the trend of events. Subsequently there was a slight recovery, but the market was disorganised.

Rubber shares all fell heavily. The commodity has declined 7d. per lb since the Premier first referred the question to the Civil Research Committee.

Reuter's Lobby Correspondent states that it is improbable that there will be a rubber discussion on the motion for adjournment to-morrow. On the contrary, the debate is much more likely to take place on the Colonial Office Estimates later in the Session when it will be possible to cover a wider field.—Reuter.

New York Staggered.

New York, Apr. 4.

Rubber circles were most excited at Mr. Stanley Baldwin's announcement and prices on the local market immediately dropped five cents per lb.

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EGYPT TO THINK AGAIN.

BRITAIN'S DISCRETION ON RESERVED POINTS.

REFUSAL OF TREATY.

London, April 4.

Replying to the Egyptian Note, on which Nasser Pasha made a statement to the Chamberlain yesterday, Sir Austen Chamberlain declines to accept the Note as a correct exposition of relations between Great Britain and Egypt, or of their respective obligations.

Sir Austen declares that as the Egyptian Government has refused a Treaty, which aimed at securing the settlement of the four points reserved under the declaration of 1922, the *status quo ante* continues.

The reserved points, he states, remain reserved to the absolute discretion of the British Government—the Egyptian Government exercising its independent authority subject to satisfying His Majesty's Government on these matters.

The points reserved under the 1922 Declaration were the questions of security of communications in Egypt, defence, protection of foreign interests, and protection of minorities and the Sudan.—Reuter.

FAMOUS DIARY GOES TO U. S. A.

MORE BIG SALES AT SOTHEBY'S.

London, Apr. 4.

Dr. Rosenbach, the Philadelphia collector, at Sotheby's to-day, bought for £10,600 "Ward," a diary kept by the Vicar of Stratford-on-Avon from 1629 to 1681.

It contains most valuable references to Shakespeare and most of the diary have never been published.

A first edition of Ptolemy's Geography of 1447 was sold for £3,400 to a Britisher, Mr. Maggs.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TREATY WITH AFGHANS.

DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AT TOKYO AND KABUL.

London, Apr. 4.

A Treaty just concluded between Afghanistan and Japan provides for an exchange of diplomatic missions at Tokyo and Kabul and the establishment of commercial relations, provision for travel and other facilities for their respective nationals.

Reuter has been informed that the Treaty was signed in London to-day by the Afghan Minister to London and the Japanese Ambassador.—Reuter.

AMERICA AND DUTCH DISAGREE.

OWNERSHIP OF ISLAND NEAR PHILIPPINES.

The Hague, Apr. 4.

M. Max Huber, the Swiss statesman, who was appointed as arbitrator in the dispute between the United States and the Netherlands in respect of the sovereignty of the Island of Palmas, between the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands, has decided that the Island is definitely Dutch territory.—Reuter.

TROTSKY'S MURDER DENIED.

MOSCOW SCOUTS CURRENT REPORTS.

Moscow, April 4.

The reports current in Paris that M. Trotsky, the exiled communist leader, has been murdered, are untrue.—Reuter.

GENERAL WRANGEL ILL.

Brussels, Apr. 4.

General Wrangel, the famous "White" Russian, who lives at Brussels, is seriously ill suffering from abdominal catarrh.—Reuter.

TOBACCO ABOARD SHIP.

IMPORTANT RULING IN COURT.

MUST BE UNDER CONTROL OF CAPTAIN.

TECHNICAL OFFENCE.

The question of the responsibility of a ship's captain in regard to control of cigarettes and tobacco included in ship's stores whilst his boat is in port was raised on the resumption of the case, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, in which the Chinese chief steward of the river steamer Tung On was charged with possession of dutiable cigarettes. His Worship registered a conviction on the charge of possession and imposed a nominal fine of \$5.

Prior to the commencement of this morning's hearing, his Worship announced that he held that the master of the ship had a certain responsibility as regards the control of the cigarettes whilst a steamer was alongside the wharf, and that that responsibility could not be delegated to another person.

Ruling Desired.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, defending, pointed out that, if that were so, the proper person who should have been charged was the master of the ship.

His Worship agreed, but added that the Superintendent of Imports & Exports had chosen to proceed against the steward, and his Worship found they had made out a case.

Mr. Leask:—This case has aroused considerable interest amongst river steamers, and masters would like a ruling from you.

The Usual Practice.

Mr. Leask then informed his Worship that he had a number of letters from masters of river steamers showing what the practice had been during the last few years. In several instances masters, with twenty-five years' experience had written to say that the practice of giving the key to the steward or some other person had been adopted.

His Worship said that he could not listen to an *ex-parte* statement from Mr. Leask.

Mr. G. R. Sayer said he was not aware what the practice had been for the last twenty-five years, and he was about to refer to the returns, when his Worship said:—"I am not prepared to hold that this defendant has committed an offence because the 'Nil' return has been sent in. I merely hold that this man is in possession of cigarettes which should have been in the possession of the master. I would go no further than that."

"Vexatious" Prosecution.

Mr. Leask, addressing his Worship, pointed out that it was merely by an accident that the cigarettes were discovered. He understood that it was due to an enquiry of the Revenue Department as to the sale of cigarettes on board the steamer. The officers of the Revenue Department went on board in search of a hawk and then they saw the cigarettes in the cabinet. The prosecution was, in Mr. Leask's opinion, to put it mildly, vexatious.

Regarding the departmental order put in by Mr. Sayer, Mr. Leask said the Captain had never seen the order, nor had he signed anything acknowledging receipt of that order.

Continuing, Mr. Leask submitted that the master was entitled to delegate one of his subordinates to take charge of the key. "It is intolerable to think that the master should hold the keys in his pocket," added Mr. Leask.

His Worship said that as the law stood, the Captain must have it in his pocket or in his cabin. In imposing a fine of \$5, he said the evidence offered by the prosecution only pointed to a technical offence and that there was no evidence of disposing of the cigarettes or of smuggling.

Mr. Leask asked for an order for the return of the cigarettes, but his Worship pointed out that no confiscation order had been made.

COLONY'S BUDGET SURPLUS.

TRIBUTE TO SERVICES OF MR. BERNARD.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK.

A notable increase of the Colony's revenue over the estimates was mentioned by H.E. the Governor in the Legislative Council this afternoon, in the course of a tribute to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who has just left for home.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, both eulogised Mr. Bernard's services, and Sir Cecil Clementi in reply said:—"Gentlemen, I heartily endorse what Sir Henry Pollock and Sir Shouson Chow have said. Mr. Bernard became a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Colony in the dark and dangerous days of the spring of 1926.

"We then had seldom before us a choice between good and bad. We were usually confronted by nothing but a choice of evils. In taking the difficult decisions which had then to be made, I felt that I could implicitly rely on Mr. Bernard to interpret to me the true opinions of the local mercantile community as well as of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, and that he would in his turn explain faithfully to all with whom he came in contact the real policy underlying the actions of the Hongkong Government."

The Colony has now safely weathered the storm and the financial outlook is much brighter. As the Council knows, we budgeted for a deficit of a million dollars in respect of the year 1927. But the year's working has in fact realised a surplus of half a million dollars.

"So we began the financial year now current with a total surplus of assets over liabilities amounting to about four million dollars. Moreover, the first quarter of the year 1928 has now gone by, and I am glad to say that the Colony's revenue for that quarter shows an increase of more than seven lakhs of dollars over the estimate."

"Therefore, although caution is still necessary, confidence in the future is justified. In the achievement of this happy result, Mr. Bernard played a notable part, not only as member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, but also as Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and as the head of the great firm of Jardine, Matheson & Company. We shall miss him sadly from our deliberations, and we do well to place on record our warm appreciation of his services to Hongkong."

POLICE RAID YAUMATEI HOUSE.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITER ARRESTED.

As a result of a raid at No. 356, Portland Street by a party of detectives early yesterday morning, a quantity of paraphernalia for the manufacture of counterfeit coins was seized, and one man taken into custody.

The arrested man was formally charged, before Mr. W. S. Schofield at the Bowloon Magistracy this morning, with unlawfully having in his possession three moulds upon which there was impressed a resemblance of both sides of the King's current silver coin.

Intimating the possibility of other charges being preferred against the defendant, Inspector Fallon applied for a remand for one week, which was granted.

CASE STRUCK OUT.

PLAINTIFF NO LONGER IN COLONY.

In the Summary Court this morning a case was mentioned in which Madame Flint sued Mrs. F. E. Cameron for \$350.28.

The plaintiff did not appear, neither was she represented.

Mr. O. E. C. Marston appeared for the defendant and asked for the case to be struck out, saying he understood that Madame Flint had left the Colony.

His Lordship accordingly struck the case out.

CANTON IS STILL UNEASY.

MUCH RED ACTIVITY IN PROVINCE.

MASSACRES REPORTED IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

MARSHAL LI WANTED.

Although, according to Chinese reports, the situation in Canton itself is rather easier, messages from other parts of the province show that there is much Communist activity in Kwangtung. There is news of trouble on the upper course of the East River, in the northern part of Kwangtung, and also in the remote south-western districts, where "Reds" are said to be indulging in massacre and incendiarism.

As a consequence, Canton officials are somewhat uneasy, and on Tuesday they despatched a further telegram to Nanking urging Marshal Li Chai-sum to return immediately. It is generally felt in Canton that the situation will not be stabilised or confidence completely restored until Marshal Li comes back.

Trouble on Railway.

On Tuesday, the tension had relaxed considerably, and pedestrian traffic was normal after nightfall, while most of the armed corps of troops and police pickets were less vigilant in their searches and raids than on previous nights.

Yesterday morning, however, news reached Canton that an alarming "Red" uprising had occurred in Kwangtung, in the vicinity of the Kwangtung section of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

It appears that a large band of Communist bandits, numbering 2,000 strong, stormed and seized a "konghul" village in the morning. A later another party of "Reds" assailed the railway, with the result that all the officials on duty at Pankonghul Station abandoned their posts and hurried to the Sunkai to seek assistance.

Quite a number of the flourishing villages in the vicinity and in the Yang Tak district have also suffered from Communist activities, but at present it cannot be ascertained to what extent the "Red" desperadoes have devastated these districts. Troops were immediately rushed from Canton to the affected areas.

To Disinfect Troops and Police.

Meantime, some uneasiness has been caused by the authorities discovering that Communist propagandists were active among the Canton troops and among members of the Police Force, endeavouring to induce them to revolt.

In this connection, it is stated that the police recently threatened a general walk-out because the Government had not been able to pay their wages regularly, and two days ago the authorities paid to them one month's wages.

The uneasiness in Canton has caused the value of the Central Bank notes to decline from 63 per cent. to somewhere near 60 per cent.

More "Red" Risings.

Coupled with the report of the Communist plots in the northern part of the province, a report reached Canton yesterday to the effect that despite the fact that Hwella-shien, in the vicinity of Swatow, has been recaptured by the Government troops, Chiu-yang, another city near at hand, has been seized by Communist desperadoes, causing the situation in Swatow to become again tense.

This news was contained in a telegram which the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Swatow dispatched to the Canton Government yesterday, asking for help.

Further reports of "Red" insurrections have been brought back by travellers who have recently arrived in Canton from Yung Chun, one of the big districts in the South-western part of Kwangtung.

It is stated that an army of 2,000 "Red" troops which arrived at Yung Chun after their defeat in Canton in December has started activities in many of the villages in the Yung Chun district. As a result, some hundreds of villagers have been killed, the title deeds of their fields and houses destroyed and their property looted.

FOR AFGHAN'S NEW PALACE.

BRITISH-MADE FURNITURE IS PURCHASED.

BIG SEND-OFF TO-DAY.

London, Apr. 4.

The King and Queen of Afghanistan leave London to-morrow morning. Prince Henry, who has just assumed the title of Duke of Gloucester, and Sir Austen Chamberlain will be at Victoria to see them off.

Lord Allenby will accompany them to Dover, and the Channel crossing will be made in a specially-chartered boat to Calais, where the King and Queen will say goodbye to Sir Francis Humphry, Colonel Wickham and the other British representatives who have been with them during their visit to England.

No definite time has been fixed for the visit of their Afghan Majesties to Russia. They have given many orders for household and other goods during their stay in England. Many of the apartments of the new palace being built at Kabul will be fitted with British-made furniture bought in London.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN & NANKING.

NO SETTLEMENT YET REACHED.

London, Apr. 4.

Sir Austen Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons to-day, that no satisfactory settlement had been reached in the recent negotiations with the Nationalist Government of China on the settlement of the claims arising out of the incidents at Nanking on March 24th, 1927.

The negotiations would be continued by the Consul-General in Shanghai and the Consul-General for Nanking, as opportunity offered.—British Wireless.

NEW ZEALAND AVIATION.

"MOTH" PLANES FROM ENGLAND.

London, Apr. 4.

The New Zealand Minister for Defence has announced that his Government has decided to purchase eight "Moth" aeroplanes from England.

Four are to be sent to the Auckland and Christchurch Amateur Flying Club, while the others will be used for the training purposes at the Government aerodrome at Christchurch.—British Wireless.

CALCUTTA TROUBLE SPREADING.

BURNS COMPANY DISMISS 7,000 STRIKERS.

Calcutta, April 4.

The trouble on the East Indian Railway is spreading, the latest indication of the lock-out at the Lilcoch railway workshops, being the dismissal of 7,000 men of Messrs. Burns Company's shops, who went out on strike in sympathy.

The Burns Company manufactures wagons for the East Indian Railway.—Reuter.

INDIAN EDITOR FACES SEDITION CHARGE.

SWARAJIST SUPPORTER AND ALLOWED BAIL.

Calcutta, Apr. 4.

Mr. Bakshi, the editor of the Swarajist newspapers *Dangal Katha* and *Forward*, was arrested to-day on charges of sedition.

After a brief court hearing he was released on bail.—Reuter.

ROYAL VISIT TO CONTINENT.

London, Apr. 4.

The Duke and Duchess of York left London to-day on a private visit to the Continent. Their Royal Highnesses will return about the middle of next week.—British Wireless.

ROYAL OAK COURT MARTIAL.

TRIAL OF CAPTAIN K. DEWAR.

OMISSION TO SALUTE CALLED "TRIVIAL RUBBISH."

ADMIRAL QUESTIONED.

Gibraltar, Apr. 4.

The trial by court-martial of Captain Kenneth Dewar, charged with accepting Commander Daniel's letter and forwarding it to Rear-Admiral Kelly, was opened to-day.

One of the first witnesses called was Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard, who, giving evidence, replying to the Prosecutor, said his relations with Capt. Dewar were "correct, but not intimate," and he found it almost impossible to make friends with Capt. Dewar.

Admiral Collard could not say he placed implicit confidence in Capt. Dewar.

Dramatic Encounter.

The latter sharply cross-examined Admiral Collard, the questions and answers being loud and deliberate and intensifying the dramatic encounter of the protagonists in the case. For example, Admiral Collard emphatically refused to imagine himself the bandmaster; or, when pressed to reply "yes" or "no," said he would answer as he thought fit.

Captain Dewar, continuing his cross-examination, referred to Rear-Admiral Collard's remark that he was fed up with his ship.

Fed Up With Dewar?

Rear-Admiral Collard denied having said that, declaring that what he said was "I am fed up with my Flag-Captain."

He emphatically refused to admit that his omission to return the salute would have a bad effect on the discipline aboard H.M.S. Royal Oak, adding "Discipline in a good ship does not depend on that sort of trivial rubbish."

He considered, he said when further questioned, that Captain Dewar was entitled under Article Eleven to make a report, provided the report was made in a proper manner.

Captain Dewar's Protest.

Rear-Admiral Collard declared that a Captain should make his report verbally. A written complaint was not justified until all other Service methods had been employed.

He denied that he threatened to court-martial the chaplain for making a complaint to Captain Dewar.

More than once pulled up by the President on the ground that the questions he was putting were inadmissible, Captain Dewar asked that a protest be entered on the minutes "against the limitations placed in the cross-examination of this witness."

Objections to Court.

At the opening of the trial the Prosecutor, Rear-Admiral Boyle, successfully objected to Rear-Admirals Herbert Meade and W. Tomkinson as members of the court, which sat minus them, comprising Rear-Admirals Townsend (President), L. C. Preston and W. M. Kerr, and Captain Osborn.

The charges were then read, and Capt. Dewar pleaded not guilty, the charges being:—"Firstly, an act of prejudice to good order and discipline in that he accepted and forwarded to Vice-Admiral J. D. Kelly, commanding First Battle Squadron, through Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard, the letter addressed to him by Commander Daniel, the terms whereof were subversive of discipline."

Criticism.

Secondly, accepting and forwarding to Admiral Kelly through Admiral Collard, the letter addressed to him by Commander Daniel, which letter was contrary to King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions in that it contained remarks and criticisms on the conduct and orders of his superior officer, Rear-Admiral Collard.

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SHIPBUILDERS AND ENGINEERS.

THE INSTITUTE AND ITS FINANCES.

It was decided at the annual meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong yesterday evening that, in view of the financial position of the institution, charitable donations should be discontinued for this year. The meeting was held at the Institution's headquarters, when the Chairman, Mr. G. J. Harman, reviewed the activities of the year. Officers were elected and prizes were distributed.

Addressing the meeting, the chairman said:

In presenting the annual report your Committee is pleased to be able to report a year of quiet, if not brilliant, progress, in face of one of the worst years in the modern history of the Colony. The bad time through which we have all passed has reflected itself on our membership in the fact that very large numbers of members have had to be placed on the absent members list and are, for the time being, non-contributory.

This has seriously reduced our income and, hence, our spending power and we have had to curtail expenses to paying for bare necessities.

However, in spite of it all, we have kept our head above water and, with the hoped for return to normal conditions, we shall still keep the old flag flying, and move ahead again with our old vigour.

Year's Activities.

Our action library still justifies its existence, its circulation is still growing and our technical library is in course of reconstruction and will shortly again open for the use of members.

Three most interesting papers were read by members who are specialists in the subjects treated and it is a matter of regret that more interest was not shown by larger attendances and, thus, in some measure reimburse the gentlemen for their time and trouble in preparing them. We shall endeavour to arrange for more papers next season and two are already promised.

The social side of our activities has not been neglected. Billiards have not flourished so greatly as in former years, but we have completed five competitions and the prizes are here for presentation this evening.

Two dances were held and were much enjoyed by those present, which goes to show that, in spite of dinner dances everywhere, these more domestic gatherings are appreciated.

Small Profit Made.

Turning to the accounts you will see that we have made a profit, very small I admit, but after the loss sustained in the previous year, I feel optimistic enough to hope that it is the commencement of the return to normal working. Our property has been carefully and fully written down in view of the necessity for renewals. Our investments are of the soundest description and I would here pay a tribute to the very great assistance your Committee has derived from the valuable advice of your Hon. Treasurer.

The chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts, and this was carried.

Charitable Donations.

Addressing the meeting on the subject of the Institution's charitable grants the chairman said he thought it advisable to submit a brief comment on the accounts for 1927 before he left the matter in the members' hands for decision. Briefly they had made a net profit for 1927 after providing for depreciation on furniture, billiard tables and library of only \$29-74, as against a net loss for 1926

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. F. Q. R. XAVIER.

An old servant of the Hong Kong Government passed away at midday yesterday, in the person of Mr. F. Q. R. Xavier.

Mr. Xavier was one of the old generation of Portuguese residents. He joined the Government service many years ago, his last post being that of signalman at the Peak. He retired last year. He was 68 years of age and was active and hale until a few months ago, since when he had been confined to his bed. He was musical, and played several instruments well, despite his advanced years. He had also a fund of reminiscence. He leaves a widow and large family. Among his sons are Mr. Tony Xavier of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company and Messrs. Stephen and Louis Xavier, of Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone and Co.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the monument at 6 p.m.

of \$1,195.64. During last year Hong Kong Government War Loan amounting to \$4,000 was redeemed and \$5,000 was withdrawn from fixed deposit and \$10,000 invested in Hong Kong Government (5%) Public Works Loan.

As regards the withdrawal from fixed deposit this was needed in large measure to pay the donations to charities of £200 and \$500 sanctioned by the members at the 1927 annual meeting. \$1,000 went towards their investment in the Public Works Loan while the balance was absorbed in the normal course of 1927 business.

A Halt Necessary.

The chairman quoted statistics showing the profit and sums paid to charity from the year 1918 onwards and said that during the years they made substantial profits they contributed in a liberal manner to charities.

That was rightly so but the time had now come, he submitted, when they should call a halt and conserve their resources in order to face possible future lean years—the aftermath of the recent political troubles through which the Colony had passed. It was not a pleasant duty to inform members that donations to charity should now cease, or at least that they should curtail them, but charity began at home and they needed the money.

Looking round the Institution it could not be denied that in the near future the Committee would have to face large expenditure, extensive improvements to furniture and fittings, possible purchase of new furniture, improvements to the billiard tables increase in library funds, internal renovation of premises and many other details which must cause the various sub-committees much thought. To effect these improvements they would have to break into their cash reserves as they would cost, if properly done some hundreds of dollars.

Justice Before Generosity.

It might be said, continued the chairman that they could well afford to continue donations to charities as there was now a credit in fixed deposits of \$28,000 as well as \$10,000 invested in Public Works Loan. That was admitted, but on the other hand there were the improvements he had mentioned which had to be considered.

In conclusion he pointed out that his report had been supplied on his request by the Hon. Treasurer as a constructive criticism of the Institution's finances with relation to the annual contributions to charities. He trusted that members would understand the position in which the Institution was placed. He submitted with the utmost regret that in the circumstances it was clear that they must be just before they were generous.

Mr. C. M. Manners moved that donations to charities be discontinued for this year.

ROYAL OAK AFFAIR.

HOME PRESS COMMENT.

London, April 4. The Daily Telegraph says that to anyone familiar with the ways of Courts Martial, the Daniel verdict was almost a foregone conclusion. The charges are bound to be narrowly framed in accordance with regulations which discourage to the utmost all acts which prejudice discipline in the service, where the maintenance of discipline is the breath of life; but such rigid regulations inevitably make for hard cases. Public opinion will demand when the Courts Martial are ended that the Admiralty pass under review the incidents which cast a shadow on service in the Royal Oak. The incidents were ridiculously small to serve as a foundation for one of the most humiliating quarrels in the Navy for many years. The Band incident, whatever the precise facts, would be disgraceful anywhere. Whatever phrases were used by the Admiral about the Band and the Bandmaster, they did not reflect credit on the utterer.

Gilbert's Model.

The Daily News similarly stresses the smallness of the incidents which set the ponderous machinery of naval discipline in motion, delayed the sailing of the fleet and set the whole country talking. It says it is a pity Rear Admiral Collard, tell below the praise-worthy model of Gilbert's Captain of H.M.S. Pinafore (who "never used a big big D"). The affair raises the question whether there is something seriously wrong in the spirit at work in the Navy when incidents of this order can attain such momentous importance.

The Daily Chronicle does not suppose there are a hundred civilians in Britain who are not convinced that the verdict should have been not guilty. If the verdict is allowed to stand, it means that no officer under any provocation can safely exercise the right to protest, while the Commander who dares to complain of the action of a superior officer, however outrageous, may be sure of an abrupt ending to his career.—Reuter.

continued for this year. Mr. W. S. Bailey seconded, saying that the Institution was the only club he could think of which had contributed to charity. When the profits increased they might start again. The motion was carried.

The New Officers.

Mr. W. J. Hill, the retiring President thanked the committees and members for their support during the year and proposed Mr. W. J. Stokes as President. Mr. Stokes, he said, had been a member for over twenty years. He was a hard worker and an energetic committee man and he did not think they could have a better man as President. Mr. Stokes was unanimously elected President and in returning thanks said he would do his utmost for the Institution.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. L. J. Blackburn were elected Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Landbert, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. J. Martin, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Stokes, Hon. Librarian, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, auditors. Warm tributes were paid to the services of those who had held official positions and served on committees.

The new Committee was constituted as follows—Messrs. G. J. Harman, W. J. Hill, J. Orniston, G. F. Taylor, P. T. Farrell, J. Russell, L. C. F. Bellamy, A. H. McBride, J. Brook, C. F. Bradford, R. Hunter and E. W. Blackmore. Before the meeting closed Mr. Manners suggested that improvements should be made to the interior of the premises and put forward other suggestions regarding the running of the Institution. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Two good snaps of the Shanghai and American Marine Rugby fifteens in action against each other last Sunday, when Shanghai won by 27 points to eight.



On Reunion Island, off Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, Ab-el Krim, once Russian thorn in Europe's side, lives the easy life of an exile in luxury. In these first pictures to reach Hongkong you see him (left) leaning on his uncle in the landscaped gardens of his enforced palatial residence (above).



Cambridge beat Oxford by five goals to one in the 34th. Inter-University hockey match at Buckenham. An attack on the Oxford goal. (Times copyright.)



Mr. T. Eadie, diver, is seen holding the latest S-4 disaster memento brought from the ocean's bottom. It is the ship's bell.



Left to right: Captain Matsumoto, commander of Japanese Marines, Colonel Orpen-Palmer, C.M.G., D.S.O., commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, and Lieut.-Commander Takeda, staff officer of the Japanese Marine Corps in Shanghai.



Oilman Harry F. Sinclair (left) and H. Mason Day, in serious trouble over the Teapot Dome Oil scandal.



Group taken after the wedding, which took place at the M. Consulate-General, Shanghai of Det. Sergt. John Swann, and Miss May Rogers.



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MISCELLANEOUS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the office of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the said Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1928, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the proposed resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions, viz:—

- (1) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 600,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$3,600,000 by the creation of 120,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.
- (2) That the said 120,000 shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of five existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 23rd day of April, 1928, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 600,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of such 120,000 shares shall be payable as to the sum of \$1 part thereof on the First day of May, 1928, and as to the balance thereof i.e. \$4 on the First day of June 1928.

And further that until such time as the said 120,000 shares shall be fully paid up they shall vis-a-vis the said 600,000 shares only rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$5) thereof.

And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend such time to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 120,000 shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

- (3) That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd shares held by such shareholder.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday the 16th day of April, 1928 to Monday the 23rd day of April, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

Dated the 5th day of April, 1928.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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NOTICE.

"On Friday, the 6th. April, and Easter Monday, the 9th. April, all Departments will be CLOSED."

On these days, The Hongkong Dispensary will be opened for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, the 7th April, all Departments will be open as usual.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1928.

TRIANGULAR PORTUGUESE INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

Easter Sunday.—Shanghai v. Hongkong; H.K. Football Club Ground, Happy Valley, at 4.30 p.m.
Easter Monday.—Shanghai v. Macau; Recreio Ground, King's Park, 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday, Apl., 10th.—Macau v. Hongkong; H.K. F. C. Ground, at 4.45 p.m.
Wed., Apl., 11th.—Portugal (Combined Teams) v. Chinese Athletic Association; H.K. F. C. Ground, at 5.00 p.m.
Thursday, Apl. 12th.—Portugal (Combined Teams) v. Rest of Colony; H.K. F. C. Ground, at 5.00 p.m.
Booking for the match on Easter Sunday only (Shanghai v. Hongkong) can be made at the Brunswick House, 17, Ice House Street on Thursday, the 5th instant, and after that date at the Club de Recreio, King's Park. There will be no booking for the other matches.
Price of Admission Covered Stand \$1.00. Booking at Brunswick. Price of Admission Uncovered Stand \$0.50. No booking.
R. DE SOUSA,
Hon. Football Secretary.

HONGKONG & TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday the 16th day of April, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if deemed expedient passing as an Extraordinary Resolution the Resolution following, that is to say:—

"That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot 'by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily."
"And that John Fleming and Archibald Ritchie, both of 'Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong, be appointed 'jointly and severally Liquidators for the purposes of such 'winding up."
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1928.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of April, 1928, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 14th April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1928.

HONGKONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Hongkong Telephone Company, Limited, will be held on WEDNESDAY the 11th day of APRIL, 1928, at the Board Room of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, Hongkong at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of three Directors and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th April to the 11th April, 1928, both days inclusive.
Dated this 20th day of March, 1928.

By order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

BANK-HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 6th, 7th and 9th instant. (Easter Holidays).
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Hongkong, 30th March, 1928.

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The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.
The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.
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The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

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Hongkong, March 28, 1928.

G. H. R.

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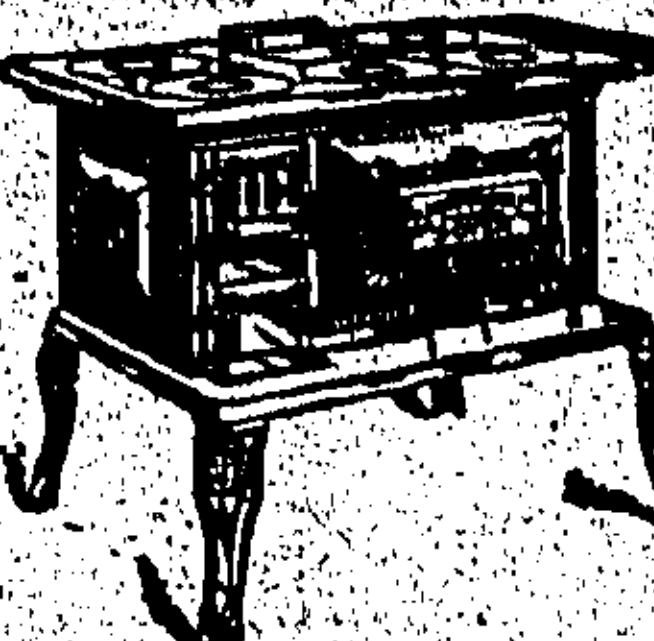
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SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF AN EXPENSIVE FASHION.

The mode of the moment demands that we carry pockettes to match or closely tone with our frocks, and that involves one for each evening gown in the wardrobe, and for the new afternoon frocks we are buying.

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One often sees a narrow band of bead embroidery round the waist of a dance-frock, and these are really creeping higher and higher. If this fashion is to return, there will be a renewed rush to lemon and water for some of us, for it will be no good to look hopefully to the east to disguise and lengthen the figure; indeed, this will be the very thing that will let us down.

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Georgette and chiffon frocks are often embroidered with horizontal bands of strass or



Three exemplifications of the brighter and more formal day that has dawned for jersey: (left) rust tweed-jersey suit, with raglan-sleeved and buckled jacket and box-pleated skirt; (centre) simply tailored in this light brown

plaid jersey suit, the skirt box-pleated at the sides; (right) black, belted with silver white and black silk bandings on pockets, collar and lapels distinguish this jersey novelty.

makers have joined together the richness of the one and the grace of the other.

There is a black taffetas robe-de-style, with strass embroidery, which is quite original in conception. With it is worn a three-cornered lame shawl. A silver lame robe-de-style is trimmed with glittering strass flowers, and has a lame shawl trimmed with strass fringe.

To leave the robe-de-style for more every-day clothes. A dress seen at a recent opening had a butterfly back and a straight jumper-front. Whatever the type of dress, morning, afternoon or evening, the new models have the great virtue of looking right, by reason of their careful workmanship and simplicity.

being provided with firm edges, there is no need for turnings.

Ensuring Neatness.

To neaten over-sewn edges, galon or narrow corded ribbon may be used if thought necessary.

A dress-fastener at either corner, or just one in the centre, secures the flaps while an effective paste ornament, a cameo, or cut-steele motif, makes a decorative finish.

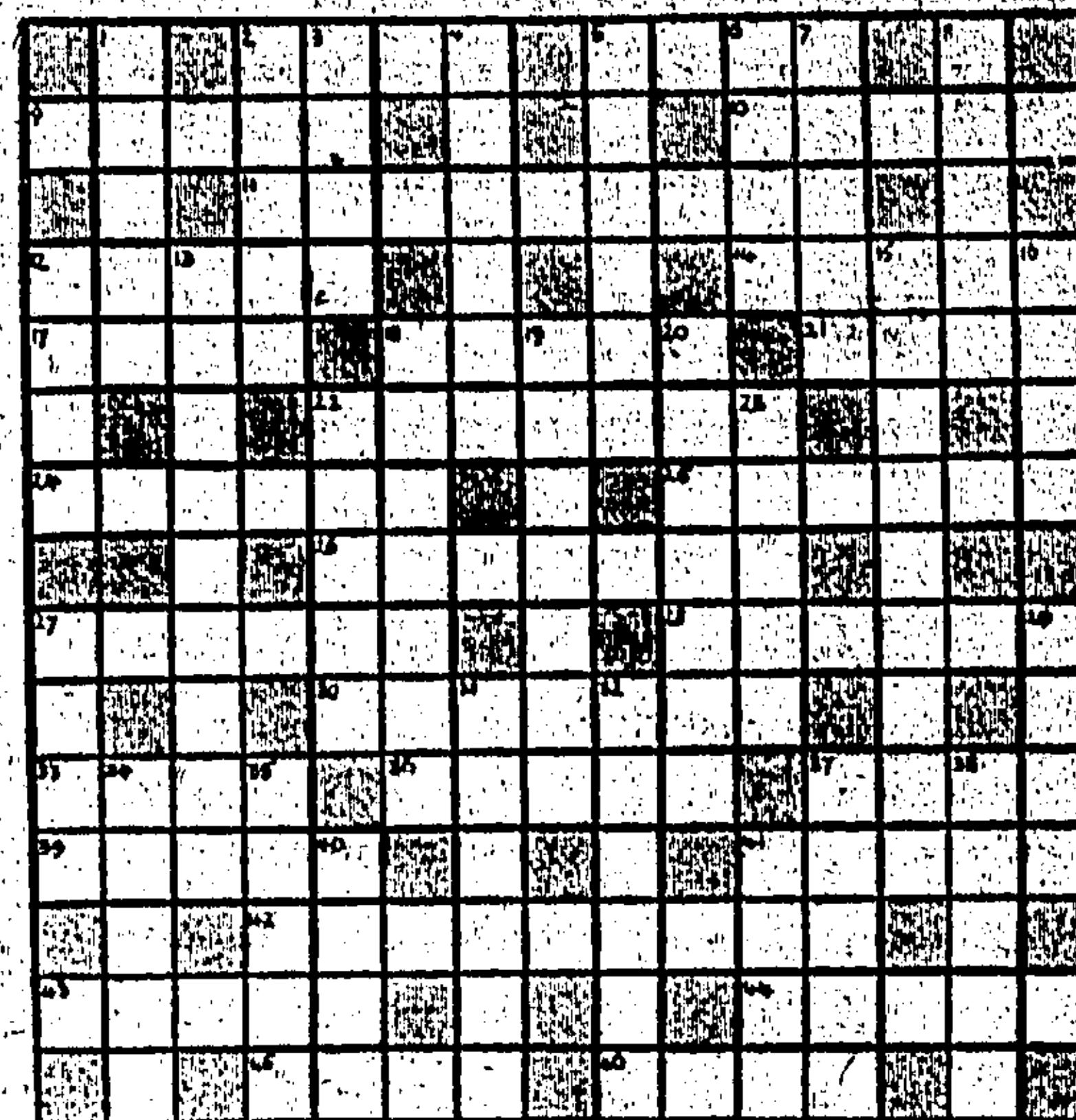
One of the advantages of a professionally-made bag is the useful little mirror generally fitted on the inner side of the flap all ready for hasty glances. It is a problem for the amateur to fasten this in, but quite recently was seen a smart brocade bag with a small mirror very cleverly secured between four

pearls either white or tinted in all colours, and sometimes there is a combination of the two on one frock. These light beads about the waistline of a dance-frock give a light touch, without adding a burden to the wearer.

little dress-hooks, which kept it firmly in place. A border of wee ribbon flowers was rumpled round the edges of the mirror to conceal both these and the hooks.

A tiny envelope purse to match the lining of the pochette completes the contents. For strength and durability this should be made of a double thickness of ribbon. A second little envelope to match, to hold a powder-puff, is a dainty addition.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 2 Talk indiscreetly.
- 5 Collection of musicians.
- 8 Merry frolic.
- 10 Constellation.
- 11 Make a law.
- 12 Finger.
- 14 Species of Heron.
- 17 Monster of popular legends.
- 18 Anxieties.
- 21 Satisfy.
- 22 Painters paint board.
- 24 Movement.
- 25 Growing attached.
- 26 Written law.
- 27 Sell in small quantities.
- 28 Referee.
- 30 Borer of certain hymenopterous insects.
- 33 Withers.
- 36 European yellow-coloured fish.
- 37 Certain.
- 39 Tartan trousers.
- 41 Usually known as buffalo.
- 42 Blanche.
- 43 Coloured man.
- 44 Slip.
- 45 Kind of starch.
- 46 Very small quantity.

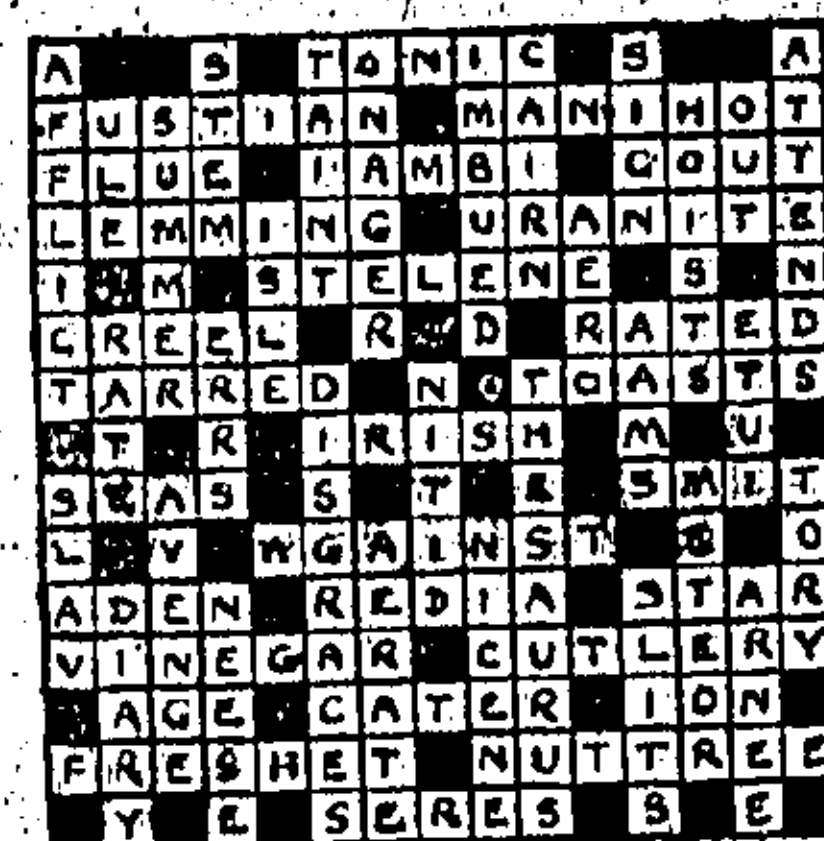
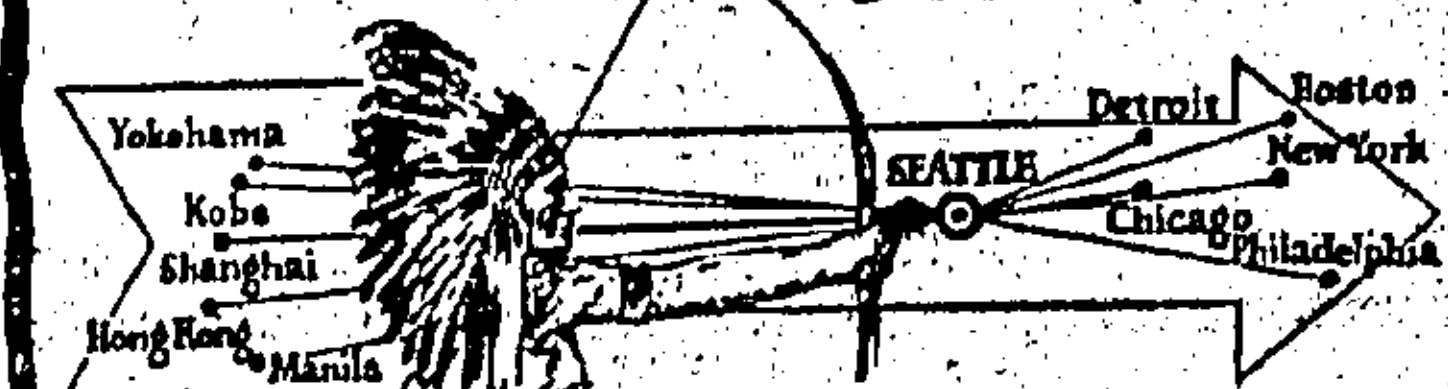
Down.

- 1 Shoot.
- 3 Disappoint.
- 4 List of candidates (Scotch).
- 6 Nuptial festival.
- 7 Projectile.
- 9 Observe carefully.
- 13 Sediment of liquors.
- 16 Celestial body.

12 Fate.

- 13 Thankfulness.
- 15 Grasping.
- 16 Grief.
- 18 Cut into pieces.
- 19 Fund-holder.
- 20 Bodily-tallness.
- 22 Lady down as a principle.
- 23 Puffiness arising from water.
- 27 Plasure.
- 29 Delightful region.
- 31 Debased variety of ornament.
- 32 Bende calm.
- 34 Northern constellation.
- 35 Large Pitchers.
- 37 Move to one side.
- 38 Public highways.
- 40 Portico.
- 41 Most good.

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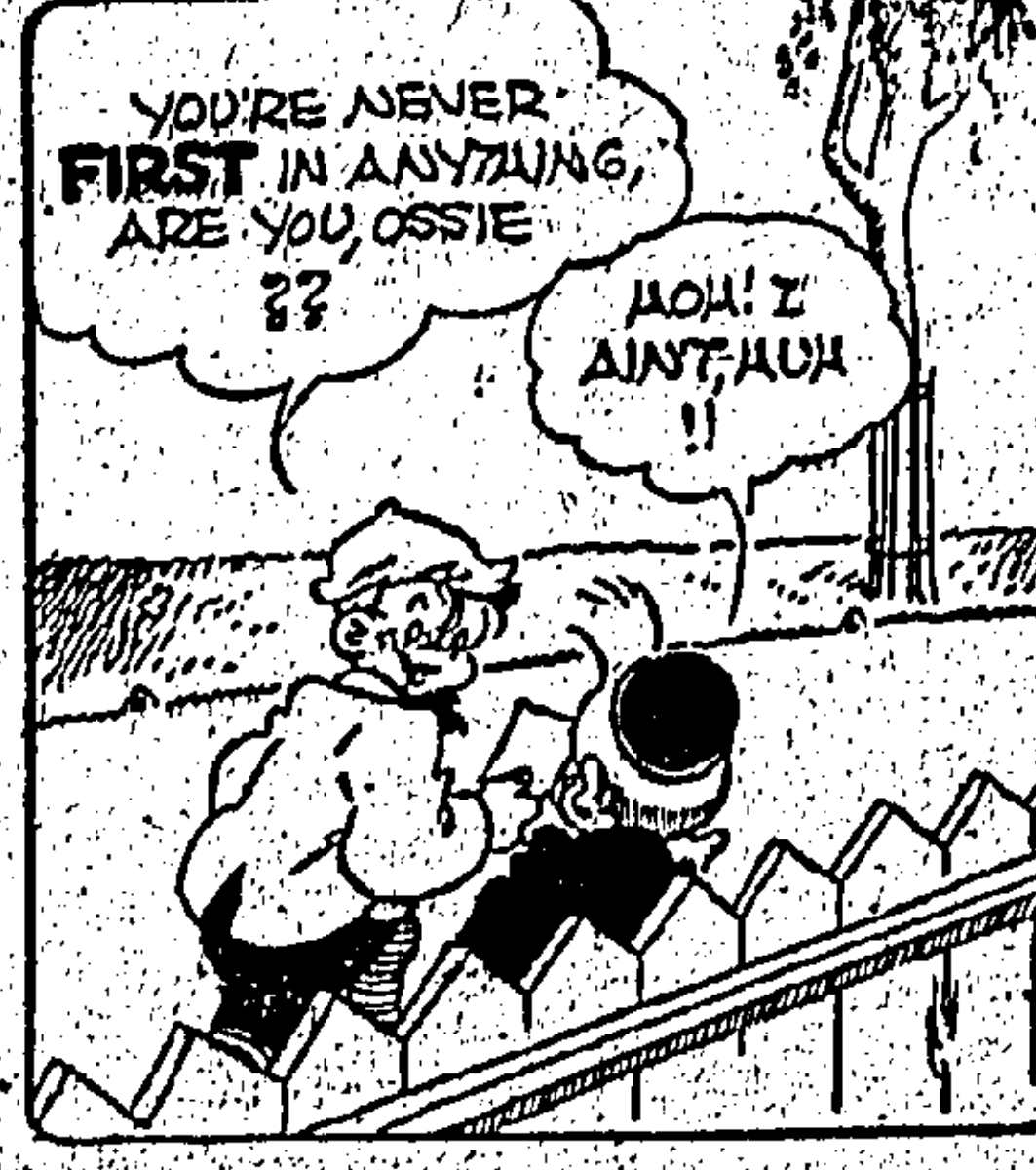
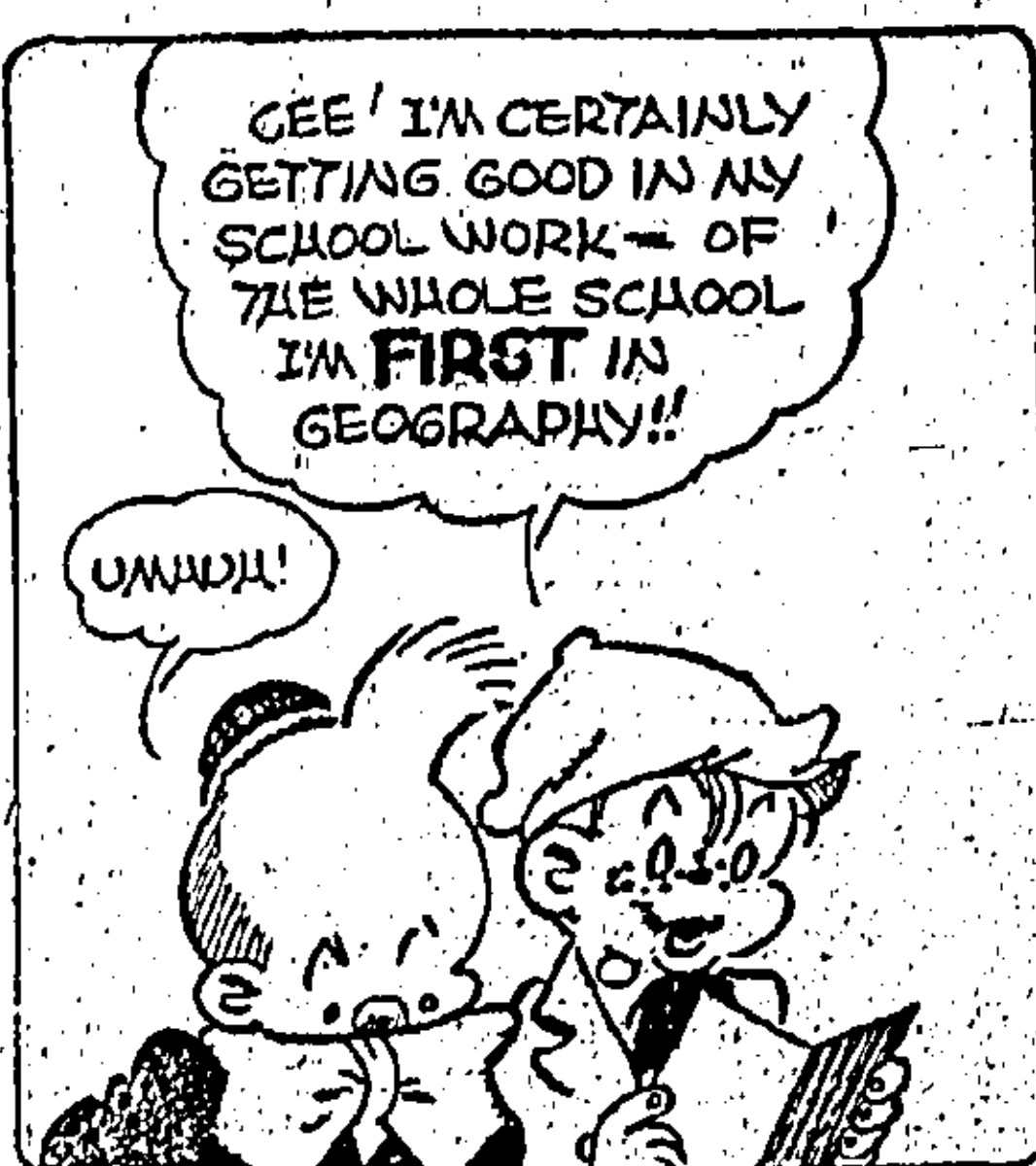
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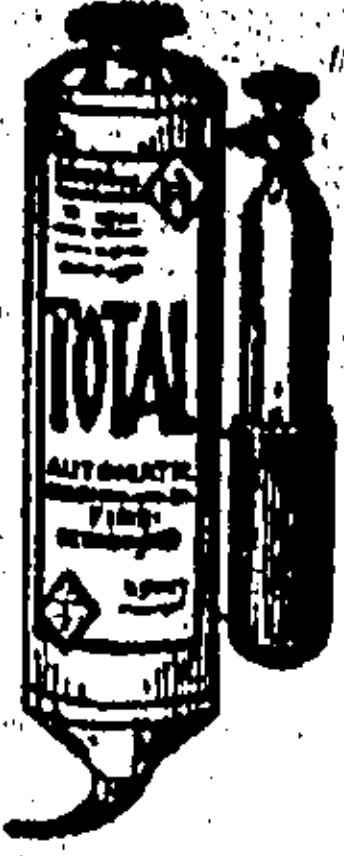
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THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1928.

FEARS DISSIPATED.

Now that the full text of the agreement between the United States and the Nanking Government in regard to the Nanking Incident is to hand, it becomes clear that America has in no sense "let down" the Powers. She has secured from the Chinese authorities an apology for the affair, as well as a promise of full compensation for all personal and material damages done to the U.S. Consulate and its officials and to the American residents and their property in Nanking. What she has refused to do is to apologise for the shelling of Socony Hill, or to make the settlement contingent on Treaty revision. Assuming, as we must, that there are no other conditions attaching to the settlement, we can see nothing whatever to object to in the agreement, nor can we perceive any reason why, if a settlement were offered Britain on the same lines, it should not be accepted.

The two points concerning which there was some dubiety prior to the publication of the full text of the Agreement, are those relating to the firing on Socony Hill and to the Treaty revision question. On the first of these, the Nationalist Government desired the United States to express its regret—an astounding demand in view of the fact that the Chinese authorities must have been fully aware of the necessity for the naval action in order to protect the lives of foreigners who were placed in great jeopardy. To that demand, the American Government plainly replied that, in the circumstances, there was no alternative to the action taken, "however, deeply it deplors that circumstances beyond its control should have necessitated the adoption of such measures for the protection of the lives of its citizens in Nanking." Let it be noted that the action itself is not deplored, but merely the circumstances which rendered it necessary—in other words, the outrages for which the Chinese alone were responsible. By declining to make any apology for the naval barrage, America has stood firm and has made it clear that she reserves the right to protect the lives of her citizens whenever they are endangered. The Nationalist Government sought also to negotiate with it on Treaty revision.

son, for that is the obvious interpretation to be placed on the invitation to take further steps in that direction. Here, again, America was not prepared to go further than to repeat in general terms her hope of the emergence of some Government capable of exercising real authority with whom she could deal, and it is clear that at the moment the Nanking Government is not viewed in that light. On that point, as well as in regard to the firing on Socony Hill, the American and British standpoints are identical.

If there be any issue left outstanding in regard to the settlement, it is the question of the punishment of those responsible for the outrages. The Nanking Government says that the troops of the particular Division which took part in the incident have been disbanded, in addition to which the Government has "taken effective steps for the punishment of the soldiers and others implicated." Precisely what that means, we cannot profess to say, but it would certainly have been far more satisfactory if the nature of the punishment and the persons to whom it had been applied were disclosed. It is known that the troops belonged to the 4th Division of General Chen's 6th Army, but General Cheng himself still holds a command, although he is at present under Hankow's rather than Nanking's control. The American Government holds responsible Lin Tzuhan, presumably the commander of the troops who took part in the outrages, and it hopes that due punishment will, in particular, be meted out to him. However that may be, the prime fact is that the Nationalists have accepted responsibility for the incident, have apologised for it and have agreed to make due reparation. Mr. MacMurray is deservedly coming in for praise for his handling of the settlement, and the sooner the other nations reach an agreement and the whole affair is finally disposed of, the better will it be for China and the Treaty Powers alike.

The "Royal Oak" Verdict.

While the narrow limits of the King's Regulations inevitably directed a verdict against Commander H.M. Daniel, every sympathy will be with the accused officer, although the sentence, dismissal from his ship and a severe reprimand, cannot be regarded as a heavy one. Deplorable incidents, belittling to the high traditions of the Senior Service, occurred on board H.M.S. Royal Oak, and if the facts as disclosed by Commander Daniel and other officers are accepted as essentially true, it suggests itself to us that the requirements of discipline have been rather overstrained. In themselves, the incidents were trivial, but they have been enlarged into one of the most remarkable cases in naval history. Commander Daniel's methods were not strictly proper, but he seems to have given careful consideration to his every step, well knowing the outcome, and we can only presume that he felt the limit of endurance had been reached. We need only cite the instance of the tact with which he smoothed over the distasteful band and bandmaster Atwood's vigorous protest, to denote his good faith towards Rear-Admiral Collard, and that he was unable to continue the cordial relations then established points to something more than incompatability of temperament in the friction on board the flagship. Discipline, we fully appreciate, is the essence of naval efficiency, but there is something wrong if it is to be understood from the verdict that a junior officer cannot make a complaint regarding a superior except in peril of a court-martial. Between a complaint and criticism we see little distinction, and the decision will be of extraordinary interest to Hongkong's naval personnel who must have followed the proceedings at Gibraltar extremely closely. The verdict does not necessarily mean an abrupt end to the career of a gallant officer; otherwise we should have no hesitation in saying that it is totally inequitable. Incidentally, we cannot see much wrong with the spirit of the Royal Navy in the picture of Captain Dewar standing alongside Commander Daniel and warmly expressing his opinion that the letter, on which the trial hinged, was a proper one in the circumstances.

DAY BY DAY.

REPUTATION IS WHAT MEN AND WOMEN THINK OF US; CHARACTER IS WHAT GOD AND THE ANGELS KNOW OF US.—Thomas Paine.

To-morrow, being Good Friday, there will be no issue of the *Telegraph*. We shall, however, publish as usual on Saturday.

We are informed that the recent bridge and wharf drive, held at the Kingsclere Hotel, Kowloon, under the auspices of the M.C.L., realised \$169.80.

The return of notifiable diseases for yesterday shows two cases of small-pox, two of enteric fever and one of diphtheria. All were Chinese.

A Chinese woman, living at No. 11, Swatow Lane, was yesterday sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of alkaline poisoning, believed to be self-inflicted.

Acting Inspector J. Murphy who has for some time been attached to the Shaukiwan Police Station, will be proceeding home on leave on Saturday, on the s.s. Kalyan. His duties at the Shaukiwan Station will be taken up by Sub-Inspector Hourihan.

A very successful and well-attended dance was held at the Central British School on Friday. An excellent programme of dance music was provided by Mr. G. Bond and his late Cafe Regent Band who offered their services free in aid of the School Games Fund.

Three Live Ghosts, the sensational comedy with a London background which was to have been staged by the Wilbur Players this week, will now be presented at a matinee performance in the Star Theatre on Monday afternoon. Children will be admitted at half price.

According to the annual report of the Registrar of Marriages the number of marriages celebrated in the Colony during last year was 176 (of which 70 were between Chinese persons) as compared with 161 (and 55) for 1926. Fees received amounted to \$1,538, as against \$820, an increase of \$718.

A report has been made to the police by Miss Rosie Pinner that whilst walking along Nathan Road, Kowloon yesterday afternoon, she was attacked from behind by a Chinese who snatched from her a leather handbag containing \$5 in money and other property valued altogether at \$15.

In preparation for the annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force by His Excellency the Governor on Tuesday April 17, a practice parade was held on the Murray Parade ground yesterday afternoon, there being a full turn out of members of the regular force, the Police Reserves, and the Fire Brigade.

There will be a special musical service at the Union Church on Easter Sunday evening, at 8.45. Selections will be given by the Band of the K.O.S. Borderers, who will also lead the congregational music. Solos will be rendered by Mr. H. Glover. There will be a service at the Union Church at 10.30 on Good Friday morning.

Ten months' hard labour and twenty strokes was the sentence passed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to a charge of returning from banishment after being sent away from the Colony for ten years in 1925. The man's record showed that he had four previous convictions before he was banished.

The annual meeting of the "Bibliothèque Française," Hongkong, is to be held on the 17th inst. at 5.45 p.m. at the French Consulate, Alexandra Building. The financial situation is sound and the number of books has been increased by 800. In a few years' time, it is hoped to have in Hongkong one of the largest French libraries in the Far East.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

MANY IN SATURDAY'S
"TELEGRAPH"

There will again be an interesting selection of topical pictures in Saturday's issue of the *Telegraph*. Included will be photographs of the funeral of the victims in the Hermes flying disaster; a group and some snapshots of the football match between the Hongkong and Malaya Chinese football teams; a group taken in Canton on the occasion of the visit of Vice-Admiral Mark L. Bristol, U.S. Navy; and photographs taken at the wedding of Mr. G. S. Rodger and Miss Gladys Ramsay, and of Mr. H. G. Babbidge and Miss Gertrude Fullbrook.

There will also be some pictures of some of the pupils who are to appear in Miss O'Keefe's dancing display.

DEATH OF MR. A. B.
SUFFIAD.SERVED UNDER FIVE CHIEF
JUSTICES.

General regret will be felt at the news of the death, which occurred at his residence, No. 16, Leighton Hill Road, this morning, of Mr. A. B. Suffiad, former clerk to the Chief Justice, who in February, 1925, retired on pension from that position after 36 years' service with the Hongkong Judiciary. He had since been with the legal firm of Leo d'Almada and nephew. The deceased gentleman, who had not been in the best of health latterly, passed away at 10 a.m. to-day, and much sympathy will be felt for his widow, son (Mr. A. G. Suffiad, of the B. A. T. Company) and daughter (Mrs. Abdulla).

The late Mr. Suffiad's first association with Hongkong's Courts was as long ago as 1888, when he was clerk to the Central. He continued in that position for ten years, and was then appointed clerk to the Registrar, Supreme Court. In 1903 he was promoted to the position of second clerk of court and clerk to the Puisne Judge, and three years later became first clerk of the court and clerk to the Chief Justice. It is interesting to note that in this position Mr. Suffiad served under five Chief Justices—Sir John Carrington, Sir William Goodman, Sir Francis Pigott, Sir William Rees Davies and Sir Henry Cowper Gollan.

Naturally Mr. Suffiad witnessed many changes during his connexion with the Magistracy and Supreme Court. When he left the Magistracy in 1898 there was only one Magistrate and the number of cases heard before him daily was very few compared with that of the present day. There was only one Superintendent, one Deputy and one Chief Inspector, whereas there are now two Deputies, and several Assistant Superintendents. Work in the Supreme Court increased greatly in Mr. Suffiad's time. Cases numbered under a hundred yearly when he commenced duty there; they now total over 500.

The late Mr. Suffiad was a man of unfailing tact and courtesy, and it may be recalled that on the occasion of his retirement from the Supreme Court he was presented by the Hongkong Society with a cheque and a scroll bearing the names of all the subscribers. On that occasion, warm tributes to his character and abilities were paid by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton.

The funeral will leave deceased's residence at 5.15 p.m. this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Climbing Tai Mo Shan.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—Will any of your readers who has climbed the Tai Mo Shan ("Great Mist Mountain") in the New Territories be so kind as to give me a few hints, through your valuable columns, as regards the best route and time to begin the climb, and also the best way to make the climb enjoyable, etc. Thanking you very much for your kind insertion of this letter, I herewith enclose my card.—Yours, etc., W. M.

Hongkong, April 4th 1928.

Vocational Training.

Sir,—Regarding the remarks in your leading article that the Government should take steps to prevent the deterioration of local handicraft and promote a healthier view of the dignity of labour, isn't it notorious that the influence of all Governments is, in practice, in the directly opposite direction?

Propos of this, two men on a tramcar were overheard discussing the crowds of men pouring out of a Government depot. One man asked how could work be found for such a vast number of men. The other said the answer was easy. He himself was employed there as a carpenter. For the past three months, all he had done was, on the approach of his foreman, to start hammering some nails into a box, and upon his re-approach later, to start drawing them out again. He reckoned his job was good for another three months at least.

So if you want the dignity of labour taught, in practice, put not your trust in Governments.—Yours, etc.,

No RED TAPE.

Hongkong, April 4th, 1928.

FINE WEATHER PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report says:—The depression has moved into the Pacific. The anticyclone is moving eastward. It is now central near Shanghai. The monsoon will moderate along the coast and over the North China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east, winds, fresh to moderate; overcast at first, finer later.

The Very Idea!

Rustic (having stopped car hopelessly)—"Beg pardon, sir—but there's one of them pesky plainclothes piece traps a bit further on!"

Driver—"I know. We're the police squad going to relieve it."

Dame Nellie Melba, on her return to Australia by the steamer Niagara from a seven weeks' trip to Honolulu declared that she had enjoyed one of the finest holidays of her life, so captivated was she by the place and the people. The eminent singer was interested by the ukulele music. The playing of one of these orchestras, she said, possessed a fascination of its own. "I have come back ready to resume work in earnest."

In search of walnut trees for planting in the territory controlled by General Feng Yu-hsiang, one of Feng's personal representatives has arrived in Shanghai says a Kuo Min dispatch. He is arranging for the purchase of 100,000 American walnut trees, the report states.

"You have had a taste of what gaol is like, and I hope that it has taught you a lesson," said Mr. Sandbach, K.C., the magistrate at the South-Western Police Court, when Lily Murley, of Balham-grove, was brought up on remand on a charge of making a false declaration regarding her age.

"You may go now," added the magistrate.

It was stated that Murley forged the signatures of her parents to a document as approving of her marriage, she being a minor, but they discovered it in time to prevent the wedding.

The magistrate had remanded the girl in custody for a week to "think things over."

Mr. Sandbach now pointed out to her the seriousness of the offence, and said that the punishment that could be ordered was a severe one.

Woman, at Willesden: I had two ports, and after that all I remember was the courtesy of the police, for which I thank them.

Nottingham magistrate: I object to my wife being called "Illegal names."

Lambeth magistrate: Have you any witnesses? Man: No, my witnesses were all in bed at the time.

Willesden magistrate, to a husband: Is there no chance of your living with your wife again? Wife: He need not worry about that; I would not have him.

Two preachers conducting a Lenten dialogue from two pulpits provided a novel feature at St. Aidan's Church, Mansfield.

The Rev. H. W. Quarrell opened the first subject—future life and the doctrine of purgatory—whereon Mr. E. G. Phillips, a local grammar school-master, interrupted him with comments and question from the second pulpit, and the sermon proceeded in dialogue form.

Mr. Quarrell says that this method has aroused much interest and voices difficulties which may occur to the congregation. It also removed the reproach that the pulpit is a "coward's castle."

Two Scottish football enthusiasts were having an argument as to the team likely to represent their country against England at Wembley.

"Am tellin' ye," said one, "it'll be made up o' they Anglo-Scots as it always is when the game's played in England. Man, 'jist think o' the money they saved in railway fares!"

Dr. A. T. Schofield in his book "Behind the Brass Plate" (Sampson Low) tells how, when lecturing at Hull, he was the guest of the chairman, an admiral of renown, but found upon arrival at the house that the admiral had just lost his wife.

The Admiral insisted, however, on being chairman, and the doctor, on arriving upstairs, discovered to his horror that he had not brought his dress waistcoat.

He could not appeal to the admiral, who was in great grief over his loss, so he had to seek out the parlourmaid and beseech her to loan him an old dress waistcoat of the admiral for one night. He at length dressed with a waistcoat most plausibly compressed, and seated himself cautiously at dinner. He ate very little, but felt he was getting distinctly tighter and reached the lecturing hall in a precarious condition.

When, however, he warmed to his theme, all else was forgotten until he was recalled to earth by loud ripping sounds, and he saw the waistcoat hanging in front of him some inches from the body.

"I persevered manfully, and received much applause," he says, "but I have never been to Hull since."

CAPSULIMUN PASS
COLLISION.TORN PAPER USED TO SHOW
SHAPE OF CRAFT.

ENQUIRY CONCLUDES.

The Marine Court of Enquiry into the circumstances of the collision between the s.s. Taming and the Standard Oil tug Kotonah and Vermont, was concluded this morning. The finding is to be delivered this afternoon.

The proceedings opened with Mr. Hugh-Jones ascertaining the approximate course steered by the Kotonah, by the chart and with reference to the Capsulimun lights. In Shun, the coxswain of the Kotonah, was again in the witness box.

Questioned by the President regarding the relative positions of the Taming's steaming lights, witness stated that the upper light was to the left of the lower light when first sighted. Answering further questions, witness was not shaken and maintained that the lights were always in that relative position.

Balls of Paper.

To ascertain more correctly models were used and subsequently a long pen and a short pencil. This being an unsatisfactory method, the President used balls of paper, one in either hand, and moved them according to instructions by witness. By these illustrations witness completely reversed his evidence in respect of the relative positions.

The Court further ascertained that the Kotonah had altered course to starboard a few seconds after sighting the Taming, then showing her port light. When course was altered, the Taming also apparently altered and opened both side lights.

The Court then interested itself in demonstrations with torn paper, to give the approximate shape of the craft composing the tow. Pens were then brought into use to illustrate the relative positions of the keels.

Witness failed to understand the interpretation of various terms, "fore and aft" being a particularly disturbing one.

Passenger's Evidence.

Mr. William Graham Lawson was then called. Witness stated that he was on board the Kotonah on the night in question as a passenger. He held a master mariner's certificate, but had nothing to do with the navigation. When the Kotonah was coming through Capsulimun Pass, witness was on the fore deck of the Kotonah.

The Vermont was alongside the Kotonah, lashed securely fore and aft. The Vermont projected about 70 feet beyond the stem of the Kotonah and the Kotonah's stern projecting a little aft of the Vermont. Both light screens in the Vermont and the Kotonah were exactly level on departure from Hongkong.

Witness went below when the Pass was cleared and was undressing when he heard a blast by the Kotonah and engines being put full astern. He rushed to the forecastle head and saw a vessel, since discovered to be the Taming, crossing the bows of the Kotonah. Engines were by this time operating full astern. He was on deck too late to take any steps to avoid a collision.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hall Brutton, witness described the construction of the bridge and the complement necessary for working the Kotonah, which he said was a pilot, a coxswain and a helmsman in narrow waters. On a steady course, probably only the pilot and a helmsman would be present.

In answer to questions, witness repeated his evidence with regard to lights and their position. When the collision occurred the Kotonah was probably 1/4 mile from shore.

"Cuss Words."

When Mr. Brutton suggested that witness had only been on deck for a very short time before the collision, Mr. Lawson replied that he was long enough there to hear the "cuss words" of the Taming. "They probably thought I was a Chairman, being in my shirt tails," he added.

Witness described the damage done to the Vermont and gave details of weather conditions and visibility which corroborated previous evidence.

In reply to the President, witness explained that the "cuss words" came from the Taming just before the impact and were not uttered by himself.

Lam Kwan, pilot of the Kotonah, stated that the tug was altered to starboard immediately after passing Ma Wan Light and steered towards the north shore for about 55 minutes. The lights of the Taming were sighted—masthead and port bow—on the port bow, the ships steering on opposite courses. Had both vessels been on the same course, they would have collided.

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OBSERVER PUBLISHING
COMPANY.TWO COURT CASES THIS
MORNING.

Included in the usual list of cases before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning were two in which the defendants were the Observer Publishing Company and others. In one case the plaintiffs were the Local Printing Press, claiming \$217.40, and in the other, the Asiatic Printing Press, claiming \$223.

In the former case, Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the plaintiffs, said it had been settled.

Mr. E. el Arculli was for the plaintiffs in the latter case when his Lordship said judgment had been consented to in chambers, unconditionally. He added that \$50 had been paid on account.

Mr. Arculli said his instructions were not to accept instalments.

His Lordship replied that the money had been paid on account and was not in the nature of an instalment.

THE WILBUR PLAYERS.

MANY GOOD THINGS
PROMISED.

The Wilbur Players again delighted a large audience at the Star Theatre last night, when they gave a repeat performance of "The Sap," which was very cleverly interpreted.

To-night at 9.15 the company will present "Handcuffed," a detective story full of laughs and thrills. There will be no performance by the Wilbur Players to-morrow night, but the season will be resumed on Saturday night with the delightfully amusing farce, "Her Wedding Night."

On Sunday, the world-famous farce-comedy, "Charley's Aunt," with special songs, dances and music, will be presented at 5.30 and 9.15 p.m., children being admitted at half price to the matinee.

On Monday at 5.30 there will be a matinee performance of "Three Live Ghosts," the sensational comedy with a London background; and at 9.15 p.m. the season will be brought to a close with a farewell performance of "The Family Upstairs," the great comedy of domestic life, which is being repeated by popular demand.

FOOTBALL FORECAST
COMPETITION.

RESULT FOR LAST WEEK.

In last week's football Competition, one competitor succeeded in getting eleven correct forecasts on one coupon, he being

Mr. T. G. Hallahan,
Royal Naval Hospital,

and if he will call at this office we shall be pleased to hand him the prize money of \$25.

Owing to many of the matches resulting as anticipated, there were numerous claims received in respect of ten, nine and eight correct forecasts. The total entries were again large.

This week's coupon will be found on another page, and as there will be no issue of the Telegraph to-morrow (on account of Good Friday) to-day's coupon is the last which will appear for this week.

MOTORS ROADS AND
MORALS.WHAT HUNAN CONFERENCE
DISCUSSED.

Shanghai, Apr. 4. One of the chief items discussed by the Hunan military leaders at the recent Hunan Rehabilitation Conference, of which General Cheng Chien was the Chairman, and was attended by quite a number of leaders of the "Kwangai Clique," was the question of constructing roads connecting Hunan with Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Other problems touched upon at the Conference included the inculcation of the moral principles in education and the furthering of the doctrines of the Kuomintang Party in Hunan.

RUGBY'S RADIO HOLIDAY.

London, Apr. 4. Owing to the Easter holidays, the wireless service will be suspended after the transmission of the noon message on Thursday until Saturday, when the usual messages will be despatched. Thereafter, messages will be discontinued until the usual service is resumed 8 p.m. Monday.—British Wireless.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Futurist Music—What Critics said about Chopin and Schumann—Latest Columbia Records.

[BY "ALLEGRO"]

Arnold Schonberg, the ultra-modern composer, has made a re-appearance in London, where he conducted at the Queen's Hall. In commenting upon him, Musical Opinion says that not even Wagner had such obstacles to surmount as fell to Schonberg. "Yet there is something which seems to surround his personality, protecting him, which makes us sure that none of the acrimonious abuse intended to hit him, ever reached him." It refers to Schonberg's battles and difficulties of only a few years ago.

I remember Schonberg's first appearance in England a year or so before the war. At one of the Queen's Hall Symphony Concerts, conducted by Sir Henry Wood, Schonberg was to wield the baton as the orchestra grappled with a suite of five pieces composed by himself. Previously, he had been booted at and hissed in various European cities. New instruments were included in the orchestra for the first time, and the audience was awaiting the futurist music in expectation of a sensation.

The sensation was certainly forthcoming. Probably only a very small percentage of those present had ever heard anything of the really modern school which Arnold Schonberg represents. For twenty minutes or so we were regaled with incomprehensible sounds; every instrument seemed to be playing in a different key and with a high percentage of wrong notes. Occasionally weird noises as of Chinese celebrating New Year, fowls having their necks wrung, cattle at the slaughter-house and dogs being run over, were conspicuous amidst the general clatter and hubbub. I looked round the audience to see how they were "taking it." Some looked puzzled, others contemptuous. Some were obviously listening, others posing as though they were really enjoying it. Personally, I was consumed with inward laughter. It came to an end and he turned round, wondering what kind of reception he would get in notoriously hospitable London. He was actually applauded and returned to the platform to bow—assuredly he was understood at last.

But in the next few minutes he was disillusioned. When Sir Henry Wood came on the platform again, the entire audience broke into vociferous applause and cheering, some rising to their feet in their enthusiasm, and the contrast in the reception of the two men was sufficient indication of what London really thought about futurist music.

Yet Schonberg has made good. Either he has modified the bizarre effects in later compositions or a large number of people have persuaded themselves that continuous discords, without melodies, are pleasant to listen to. Perhaps the explanation is that among a certain set it is considered "the thing" to affect understanding and appreciation of futurist music, as of futurist paintings. But it is safer to suspend judgment. The contemporaries of both Chopin and Schumann, and of countless others, thought their harmonies discordant, whereas our ears have grown accustomed not only to them but to the far more complicated

PROPAGANDA AS WAR
FEATURE.LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN
NATIONALIST CAMP.

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

Marshal Yen Shi-shan has assumed the post of Chairman of the Shanghai Government.

The political department of the Nanjing Government has it is stated, printed over 200,000 copies of pictures of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen for distribution at the front as propaganda in the coming drive against the Fengtien Party.

It has been arranged that General Cheng Chien will not join the Northern Expedition but will remain in Hunan with his troops, while General Pei Chung-hsi will command the Nationalist troops in Hankow.

Li Tsung-jen is to lead the Nationalist troops in Hunan and Hupeh in the Northern Expedition.

harmonies and modulations of Wagner and Ravel.

When Chopin published Five Mazurkas Op. 7 in 1832, these being among his first and least daring compositions, Rollstab, the critic of the Berlin musical paper, "Iris," wrote:—"In the dances before us the author satisfies the passion (of writing affectedly and unnaturally) to a loathsome excess. He is indefatigable, and I might say inexhaustible, in his search for ear-splitting discords, forced transitions, harsh modulations, ugly distortions of melody and rhythm. Everything it is possible to think of is raked up to produce the effect of odd originality, but especially strange keys, the most unnatural position of chords, the most perverse combinations with regard to fingering. . . . If Mr. Chopin had shown this composition to a master, the latter would, it is hoped, have torn it and thrown it at his feet, which we hereby do symbolically."

Again, when Chopin commenced his Nocturnes, which were a form of composition originated by Field, a critic wrote as follows:—"Where Field smiles, Chopin makes a grinning grimace; where Field sighs, Chopin groans; where Field shrugs his shoulders, Chopin twists his whole body; where Field puts some reasoning into the food, Chopin empties a handful of cayenne pepper. In short, if one holds Field's charming romances before a coarse one, one gets Chopin's work. We implore Mr. Chopin to return to nature."

As regards Schumann, the leading musical critics in England seemed bent upon pouring ridicule on his works, whenever they were performed. The attack on him started in Germany in 1852. When Madame Schumann came to England and played his Piano Concerto, a critic spoke of the "efforts of the gifted lady to make her husband's curious rhapsody pass for music." Another wrote in 1853 of his Opus 52: "An affectation; a superficial knowledge of art, an absence of true expression, and an infelicitous disdain of form have characterised every work of Robert Schumann's hitherto." Introduced into this country, the convulsive efforts of one who has never properly studied his art to hide the deficiencies of early education under a mist of pompous swagger.

The whole work is unreturn to nature."

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BUILDING CASE
JUDGMENT.PLAINTIFFS GET \$2,255 AS
DIFFERENCE.

FINAL ADDRESSES.

The case arising out of the house building dispute was concluded this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court. The case was one in which the Ng Hing Company claimed \$43,258.42 from the Hing Yip Company, Limited, for work done and materials supplied in the building of houses. The defendants counter-claimed for \$24,000 on the grounds that the bricks used were inferior to those stipulated in the contract.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon was for the plaintiffs and the defendants were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

Addressing his Lordship, Mr. Jenkin first dealt with the matter of bricks. He referred to the fact that the contract was between Chinese parties and that Chinese characters were used in the document in which the description of the bricks required was given, so that there could not have been any misunderstanding as to the type of bricks required. Also the sample brick was beyond controversy as both the plaintiff contractor and Mr. C. H. Baso had asserted that that brick answered to the description in the contract.

No Contract Bricks.

Counsel continued that on the evidence he would submit that the only finding his Lordship could give was that, in fact, there were no contract bricks used in the building of the houses. That submission was incapable of absolute proof unless the buildings were pulled down and the whole of the bricks laid open for the examination of experts. His Lordship had to judge the matter on a fair test. Counsel submitted that the test used was a fair test and, with the evidence, left no reasonable doubt that there was not a single Nam Kong brick as required by the contract.

Counsel went on to speak of the evidence given with regard to the price of the bricks, saying that the bricks which the contractor in fact bought could not have been contract bricks because the price paid for them was, on the plaintiff's own evidence, \$190 per 10,000. It would be clear from the evidence that the required type of brick could not then have been bought at that figure.

Mr. Jenkin went on to refer to the evidence of Mok Chi-nam, who was called by the defendants yesterday to give expert evidence on the bricks. His evidence left no doubt that no contract bricks were used and his evidence had not been formally challenged. It would have been easy for the plaintiffs to have produced evidence to show that Nam Kong bricks were, in fact, used. The plaintiff had examined the 28 bricks taken from the house by the defendants and had picked out two as contract bricks. Mr. Baso had rejected those two and had said that nearly all the others were contract bricks.

Counsel submitted that the class of bricks in fact used were Tung Kong and Honam and that there was no evidence to the contrary.

Unproved Story.

The plaintiffs had alleged that the bricks need not come up to the sample because towards the end of 1924 they themselves paid a visit to certain shops and selected their own bricks. That avenue, said counsel, was not open to the plaintiffs because it had not been pleaded but, even if it had been pleaded, he would confidently ask his Lordship to reject that story as being unproved.

Mr. Jenkin continued that the evidence was overwhelming that the value of the bricks in fact used was \$175 per 10,000. The plaintiff had himself stated that he paid \$190 per 10,000, but it had been established that the ruling price at that time of the contract bricks was \$240 in small quantities or about \$235 in large quantities per 10,000. It had been agreed that the number of bricks actually used was 2,590,000 but there would have been 2,943,182 contract bricks. The financial result would be that the bricks actually used at \$175 per 10,000 would amount to \$45,225. The value of the contract bricks at \$235 per 10,000 would be \$69,000. The difference was \$23,775. Counsel submitted that judgment should be given for the defendants on the counter-claim for that difference.

Challenge Query.

Mr. Sheldon stated that the plaintiff had said the average price paid for the bricks was \$190 per 10,000 and that had not been challenged.

His Lordship asked Mr. Sheldon if he could say that.

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EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR SHIELD FINALS.

KOWLOON'S TEAM CHANGES FOR POLICE MATCH.

NEW FIXTURE LIST.

[By "Wanderer."]

Only four matches are scheduled for the Easter Holiday soccer programme, but these four matches will provide plenty of interest for football enthusiasts, including as they do, the Shield final, junior and senior, and the Lai Wah Cup semi-final and final. Kowloon and the Police meet in the final of the Senior Shield on Saturday, following the Junior Shield final, while the Lai Wah Cup matches will be played tomorrow, (Good Friday) and Easter Monday.

The fixtures, together with grounds, times of kick-off and officials appointed, are as follows:

GOOD FRIDAY.

Lai Wah Cup Semi-final.

The Army v. Chinese Club, 4.30.—Referee: Mr. Barber; line-men, Messrs. Willis and Cowan.

SATURDAY.

Senior Shield Final.

Kowloon v. Police.—Club, 4.30.—Mr. F. Smith, Messrs. Gilbert and Barber.

Junior Shield Final.

St. Joseph's v. Chinese Ath.—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Baldwin, Messrs. Mackie and Stokes.

EASTER MONDAY.

Lai Wah Cup Final.

Civilians v. Army or Chinese Club, 4.30.—Mr. Barber, Messrs. Gilbert and Smith.

Extra time must be played in all Easter matches if necessary.

The Shield Finals.

Prior attention will be directed to the finals of the Shield Competitions, and here, principally to the Senior Shield, the final of which Kowloon has reached for the sixth successive season. The Police their opponents have had a very bad season in league competition, but in the Shield they dominated the Queen's Royal Regiment and the Royal Artillery, each by the only goal.

As is very well known, Kowloon's crack centre-forward, Northey, has left the Colony, and it is very doubtful at the moment who will fill the position. Kernick has been chosen, but at the moment he is not in the Colony and some doubts are expressed as to whether he will be back in time for the match. In the unfortunate event of his absence, Guest will come into the team at right-half, Hedley crossing to left-half, while McKelvie will fill the centre-forward position. The Police team is not available, but it is understood that the side will be at full strength.

If Kowloon need to reconstruct their defence, some difference in the effectiveness of the side may ensue, but it is thought generally that in spite of the difficulties with which the mainland team has had to contend, one way or another, they will manage to secure the trophy.

The Police are a much stronger combination than earlier in the season, but they cannot discover a scoring forward.

The match will also be played for league points.

Kowloon's team is as under:

Angus; Wheeler, Dodson; Hedley, Sims, McKelvie; Duncan, Tierney, Kornick, Muir and Miles. Reserves: Guest and Vickers.

The Juniors play before the Seniors, and there appears to be every indication that St. Joseph's will succeed. St. Joseph's are the only side which can claim a victory against the K.O.S.B. Reserves, and the win should stimulate them to a comfortable victory against the Chinese Athletic Reserves, who were not impressive in their victory against Kowloon Reserves.

The Lai Wah Cup.

The Army team has gone from triumph to triumph in local football this season, and I do not think they are likely to be checked in their stride by the Chinese who have been engaged in a series of

YESTERDAY'S ROWING RACES.

20th. HEAVY BATTERY WIN "BROWN" CUP.

Organised by the local Garrison, keen races were rowed at North Point yesterday afternoon when Service teams, totalling 70 men in all, competed for the "Brown" Cup. There was also another race called the "2nd. Crows" Race.

The Brown Cup was easily won by the 20th. Heavy Battery R.A. who came in three lengths ahead of a team from "B" Company, K.O.S.B. who were second. The 12th. Heavy Battery took third place.

The second race was extremely well contested and resulted in a dead heat between the 20th. Battery. Third place was taken by the Royal Engineers and Signals. The trophy for this race was a challenge cup presented by Ah King, the well-known boat builder.

The course was from Channel Rocks to a mark opposite the Royal Hongkong Yacht Clubhouse. The judge was Mr. R. M. Jack (Rowing Captain R.H.K.Y.C.), and Lieut. Commander Leveson-Cower, R.N., discharged the duties of starter and umpire.

In the unavoidable absence of Major General C. C. Luard, the awards, which, in addition to the two cups, included prizes for each member of the winning crews, were presented by Mr. A. L. Shields (Commodore of the Yacht Club). In congratulating the contestants, Mr. Shields said he understood that the cups would be held for six months by the winning batteries.

gruelling matches recently. The Army should also succeed in defeating the Civilians in the final of the competition on Monday.

The Civilian team has been chosen as follows:

Clark (Police); Sherry (Police), Bishop (Club); Hedley (Kowloon), McKelvie (Kowloon) and McGreavy (Police); Pile (Police), Howarth (Police), Gosano (Recreio), Rocha (Recreio) and Cornwall (Police). I do not think this is the best side which could be chosen. With all due respect to the Police XI it is difficult to see how they succeeded in qualifying six men to represent the Colony's Civilian team.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

In the Senior Division of the League yesterday, the Scots Guards completed their programme by defeating the Club de Recreio by three goals to nil. The Recreio were without Gosano, and were outplayed almost from start to finish. Carswell scored in the first half, and towards the end of the second, Chapman and Carswell added.

The funeral of the victims of Tuesday's air disaster caused cancellation of the match between the Royal Navy and the Malayan Chinese team. The Chinese Athletic took their place and an interesting game ended in a draw, each side scoring once. Both goals were netted in the first half, and in the second, the Malaysians missed a penalty.

NEW FIXTURE LIST.

The following list of remaining league matches, replaces the one formerly issued by the Secretary of the Hongkong Football League:

Wednesday—April 11th.

S. China v. Kowloon—Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.—Mr. Gilbert.

Saturday—April 14th.

Police v. H.K. Club—Club, 5 p.m.—Capt. Austin, M.C.
Kowloon v. Chinese Ath.—Kowloon, 5 p.m.—Mr. F. Smith.
K.O.S.B. v. Recreio—Sookumpo, 5 p.m.—Mr. Willis.

Wednesday—April 18th.

H.K. Club v. Recreio—Club, 5 p.m.—Mr. Barber.
R.A. v. Chinese Ath.—Sookumpo, 5 p.m.—Mr. Smith.

Saturday—April 21st.

Queens v. Chinese Ath.—Sookumpo, 5 p.m.—Mr. Baldwin.
Recreio v. Police—Recreio, 5 p.m.—Mr. Gilbert.

Wednesday—April 25th.

Chinese v. Kowloon—Club, 5 p.m.—Mr. Barber.

LAWN TENNIS.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

There were quite a number of interesting ties in the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament last evening, but they all resulted in accordance with expectations. Hancock and Tottenham easily accounted for the Hussain brothers, who only got four games in the match.

Of the Singles events, the most interesting match was that between Ng Sze-kwong and J. M. Silva. This went to four sets, and although Silva displayed good form he was not good enough for the ex-champion.

The Results.

The results in detail of yesterday's matches were:
Open Singles.—Ng Sze-kwong beat J. M. da Silva, 6-3, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5; H. Yoshida beat A. H. Crook, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Open Doubles.—H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham beat S. A. and S. S. Hussain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; T. Honda and T. Akiyama received a walk over from Chan So and Ho Wah-hing.

Handicap Singles "A".—W. D. Fiddes Wilson (rec. 5/8) beat O. C. Womack (rec. 5/8), 9-7, 8-6.
Handicap Singles "B".—H. V. Parker (rec. 15) beat A. C. Howell (rec. 1/8), 6-3, 6-1; T. G. Bennett (rec. 1/8) beat J. Wilkie (rec. 6/8), 7-5, 7-5.
Mixed Doubles.—A. D. Humphreys and Mrs. C. F. F. James (owe 15/8) beat G. C. and Mrs. Grove (Scr.), 6-7, 6-3, 9-7.

To-day's Programme.

The programme for this afternoon is as follows:
Open Singles.—Major W. B. Stevenson v. Very Rev. A. Swann.
Handicap Singles "A".—Rev. F. P. W. Alexander v. Lieut. Col. F. J. Wyatt.

Handicap Singles "B".—J. Barrow v. Lieut. R. P. Lennox.
Handicap Doubles.—W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy v. W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence; Dr. G. E. Aubrey and G. W. Sewell v. S. E. and D. S. Green.

TO-DAY'S FILMS.

"FLESH AND THE DEVIL" AT QUEEN'S.

"Flesh and the Devil," the big film at the Queen's Theatre, is being screened for the last time to-day. This lavish adaptation of Herman Sudermann's vivid story, "The Undying Past," is a tone drama of Germany before the war. The story tells of a beautiful woman who ensnares her husband's best friend and so brings about an astonishing series of dramatic events, ending in a remarkable climax. The picture is splendidly staged, one feature being a complete replica of the Berlin railway station, including trains. Three famous stars, John Gilbert, Greta Garbo, and Lars Hanson are the leading players, and they are ably supported by a large cast including George Fawcett, Barbara Kent, and Eugene Besserer.

Zane Grey Film.

Based on the novel of the same name by Zane Grey, the new film at the World Theatre to-day, "Forlorn River," is a capital adventure story, dealing with cattle rustlers of the wild West. Jack Holt, star of many Western films plays the role of an outlaw and fugitive from justice, whose romance with a rancher's daughter leads to exciting complications. Arlette Marchal, who appeared in "Madame Sans Gene," is the heroine, and Raymond Hatton, famous for his work in "Behind the Front," provides the comic relief in delightful manner. The settings of the film are exceptionally beautiful. The programme at the World Theatre includes a new gazette giving interesting glimpses of the new Ford car both in the factory and on its trial runs.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended April 8th, 1907.

The date of the dollar on demand was 2s. 0.15/10d.

Mr. E. J. Chapman was authorised to sign for Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

Sir Matthew Nathan, the Governor of Hongkong, was ordered to proceed to England before taking up a fresh appointment.

Shareholders of the Hongkong High-level Tramway Co. approved the transfer of the Company to the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., in exchange for scrip in the latter concern amounting to \$250,000.

Shap Sam-hiang, one of the most notorious piratical desperadoes in the West River district, was captured and executed.

Mr. P. Jacks was appointed Land Officer during the absence of Mr. G. H. Wakeman.

The Chin Light and Power Co., Ltd., reported not profits totalling \$46,459, which it was proposed to write off depreciation.

On leaving the Colony, Mr. Robert Whyte, of Kowloon Docks, was presented with a handsome gold watch.



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FUNERAL OF THE HERMES AIRMEN.

One of the most impressive funeral ceremonies ever seen in Hongkong took place yesterday afternoon, when full honours were accorded to Flying Officer A.W.B. Hale, R.A.F., Lieutenant J.H.P. Graham, R.N., and Telegraphist Jackson, who were the victims of the seaplane smash which occurred the day before yesterday.

Well before the time the cortege passed the Monument at Happy Valley, a huge crowd had collected, among whom were many Naval, Military, and Flying officers, representing all service units in the Colony. In addition there was a large number of men of all ranks and units.

Those present included Capt. A.J.W. Whyte, A.D.C., representing His Excellency the Governor Sir Cecil Clementi, Major General C.C. Luard, (G.O.C. South China Command), Commodore J. L. Pearson, (Lieut. Colonel L. J. Comyn (commanding the King's Own Scottish Borderers), Major Allen (D.A.A. Q.M.G.), Major Lynch (R.A.M.C. commanding the 27th Company), Col. T.A. Robertson, Mr. H.R. Phillips, Mr. J.C. Greenham (Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.), and Mr. A.J. May (Wesleyan Soldiers' and Sailors' Home). There were also officers present from the Portuguese gunboat Patria and the Portuguese transport Pero de Alenquer.

The cortege started from the Naval and Military Hospital at half past four and was led by Captain G. Hopwood, C.B.E., H.M.S. Hermes. Behind him marched the firing party with arms reversed, being composed of Marines from H.M.S. Hermes.

Then came the band, which was followed by the three coffins on gun-carriages drawn by sailors and men belonging to the air service. The coffins were draped with the Union Jack and were covered with many wreaths. Following the last coffin were Marines in dress uniform, C.P.O.'s, P.O.'s, naval and military men of all ranks, including detachments from the Portuguese gunboat Patria and the Portuguese transport Pero de Alenquer. Members of the Hongkong Police Force brought up the rear.

Saluting the Dead.

On reaching the Monument, the officers gathered there lined up in twos and came to the salute as the coffins passed. Those taking part in the cortege then walked at the slow march, the band playing the Dead March.

The procession, which was not far short of a mile in length, thus proceeded impressively to the cemetery entrance, where the coffins were taken from the gun-carriages and placed on the shoulders of the pall bearers, who were sailors and Air Force men, and the procession commenced to wind its way to the place of burial. Here the service men were lined up.

The Rev. F. Freeman, chaplain to H.M.S. Hermes, intoned the burial service, after which the firing party fired three volleys. Marines from H.M.S. Hermes then sounded the Last Post.

In taking a touching last farewell of their colleagues the officers, headed by Capt. Hopwood, visited each grave and saluted. At the graveside was Miss Lily Graham, a relative of Lieut. J. H. P. Graham. Other chief mourners were Captain Hopwood, Commander R. Ramsbotham, H.M.S. Hermes, and Wing Commander T. J. Hunter, M.C., commanding the flight of H.M.S. Hermes.

The Wreaths.

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"DIAMOND" FUNG.

EVIDENCE IN HARBOURING CASE.

An anonymous letter from Canton drew the attention of the Department of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the benevolent institution of the Po Leung Kok to a certain house in Sheklongtsui (West Point), where a woman, named and described in the communication as a "notorious kidnapper and trafficker," was arrested, and subsequently charged. Investigation was carried out regarding the presence of three girls who were discovered on the premises, and who have since been sheltered at the Po Leung Kok.

The case came up on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon, when the original charge of kidnapping was modified to one of harbouring in respect of one of the girls, who, according to the woman, "was found crying and weeping in the streets, and who was then taken and given a home with her." The other charges were left unamended.

At the close of the evidence produced by officials of the Secretariat, the defendant made statements in explanation of the presence of the three girls on the premises.

She said that the first girl was brought to her by a relative with a pitiful story of how the girl's mother was shot by Communists in Canton, and how there was a pressing need for money to pay for her medical care.

Her story was accepted and she was given a home and taught to become an actress and a singing girl.

The second girl was to have been married to a man at Taiipo, and she (defendant) was to have been the go-between, but finally the arrangement collapsed and the girl was returned.

In both these cases, defendant was questioned as to her motives. She called a witness to corroborate her statement.

She also called an old woman, who was produced as one of the guests present at the wedding feast.

The old woman were spectacles, and she had a humorous turn of mind. She laughed loudly when making her statement.

The Magistrate (sternly): This is not a joke. This is not a theatre.

Another witness, a fishmonger who was referred to as "Diamond Fung," next came forward to say that there was a proposal of marriage between him and the third girl. "I know the defendant. She is one of my customers at the Sheklongtsui Market. She proposed marriage for me, but I could not do that without consulting my parents."

Later, defendant said the girl threatened to take her life, and it was then that she proposed her marriage with "Diamond Fung."

The case was again adjourned for further enquiries.

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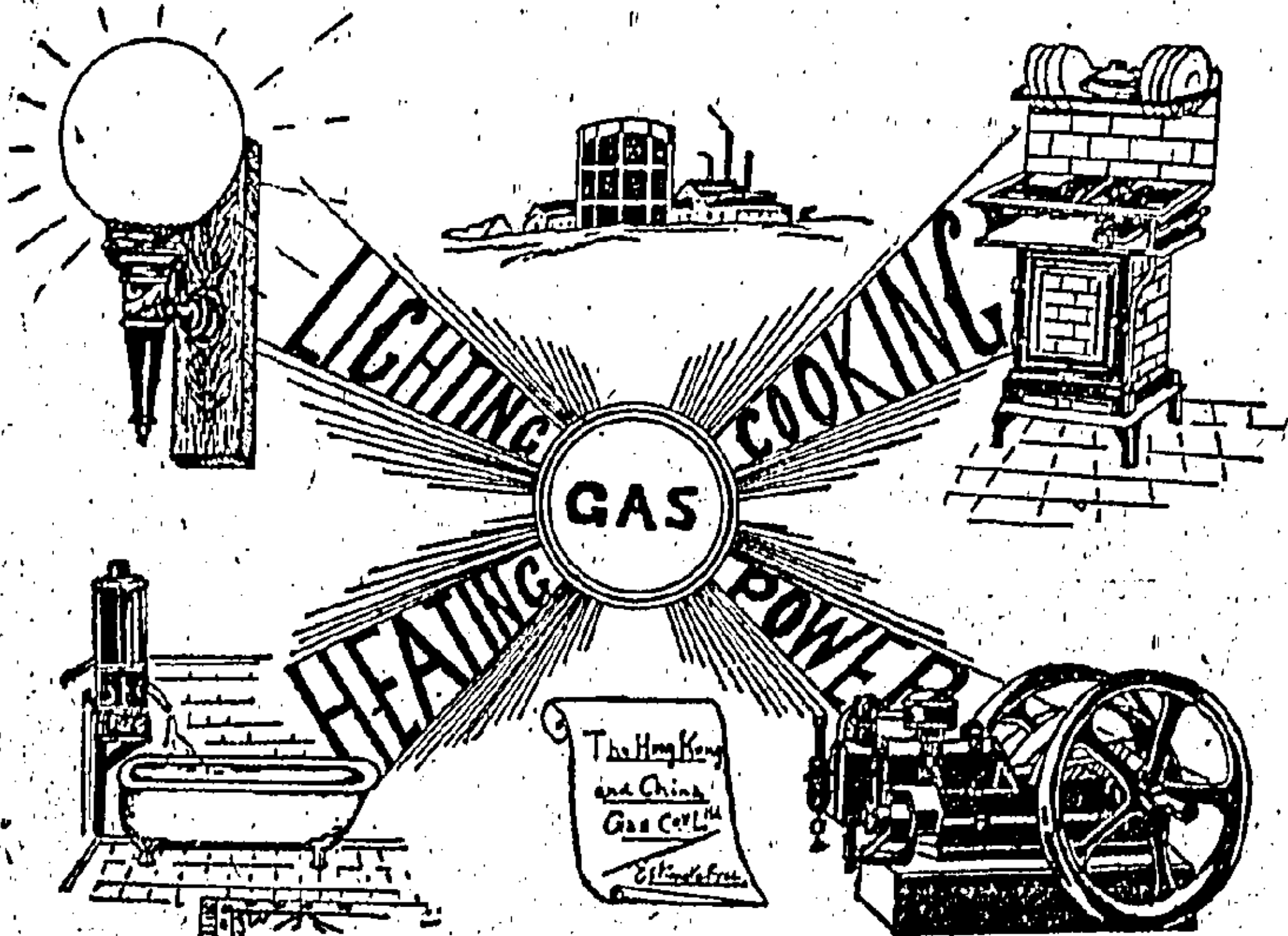
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SYNOPSIS.

SALLY FORD, 16, with a genius for acting, is selfishly kept at the orphanage, which has been her home since she was four, in spite of efforts to adopt her, because her sympathy and understanding with small children make her a valuable helper to the matron. However, when CLEM CARSON asks that Sally be "farmed out" to him for the summer, the matron tells the girl she must go. Sally dislikes the farmer, but long years of obedience to authority seal her lips against protesting when the matron says she must go and she leaves to pack her few clothes for the trip.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY. CHAPTER III.

Because she was leaving the orphanage for a temporary new home on the Carson farm, Sally was permitted to take her regular Saturday night bath that afternoon. In spite of her terror of the future, the girl who had never known any home but a state orphan asylum felt a thrill of adventure as she splashed in a painted tin tub, gloriously alone, unhurried by clamorous girls waiting just outside the little cubicle.

The cold water—there was no hot water for bathing from April first to October first—made her skin glow and tingle. As she dried herself on a ragged wisp of greyish-white Turkish towelling, Sally surveyed her slim, white body with shy pride. Shorn of the orphanage uniform she might have been any pretty young girl. She was a womanhood, so slim and rounded and pinky-white she was.

"I guess I'm quite pretty," Sally whispered to herself, as she thrust her face close to the small, wavy mirror that could not quite succeed in destroying her virginal loveliness. "Sweet sixteen and—never been kissed," she smiled to herself, then bent forward and gravely laid her pink, deliciously curved lips against the mirrored ones.

Then, in a panic lest she be too late to see kind Miss Pond, she jerked on the rest of her clothing. "Dear Sally, how sweet you look!" Miss Pond clasped her hands in admiration as Sally slipped, breathless, into the locker-room that contained the clothes of all the girls of her dormitory.

"Did you bring the card that tells all about me—and my mother?" Sally brushed the compliment aside and demanded in an eager whisper.

"No, dearie, I was afraid Mrs. Stone might want it to make an entry about Mr. Carson's taking you for the summer, but I copied the data. You go ahead with your packing while I tell you what I found out," Miss Pond answered nervously, but her pale grey eyes were sparkling pleasure in her mild little escapade.

Sally unlocked her own particular locker with the key that always hung on a string about her neck, but almost immediately she whirled upon Miss Pond, her eyes imploring. "It won't take me a minute to pack, Miss Pond. Please go right

on and tell me!" "Well, Sally, I'm afraid there isn't much to tell," Miss Pond smoothed a folded bit of paper apologetically. "The record says you were brought here May 9, 1912, just 12 years ago, by a woman who said you were her daughter. She gave your birthday as June 2, 1908, and her name as Mrs. Nora Ford, a widow, aged 28—"

"Oh, she's young!" Sally breathed ecstatically. Then her face clouded, as her nimble brain did a quick sum in mental arithmetic. "But she'd be 40 now, wouldn't she? Forty seems awfully old—"

"Forty is comparatively young," Sally's Miss Pond, who was looking regretfully back upon 40 herself, said rather tartly. "But let me hurry on. She gave poverty and illness as her reasons for asking the State to take care of you. She said your father was dead."

"Oh, poor mother!" A shadow flitted across Sally's delicate face; quick tears for the dead father and the ill, poverty-stricken mother filmed her blue eyes. "The State accepted you provisionally, and shortly afterward sent an investigator to check up on her story," Miss Pond went on. "The investigator found that the woman, Mrs. Ford, had left the city—it was Stanton, 30 miles from here—and that no one knew where she had gone. From that day to this we have had no word from the woman who brought you here. She was a mystery in Stanton, and has remained a mystery until now. I'm sorry Sally, that I can't tell you more."

"Oh!" Sally's sharp cry was charged with such pain and disappointment that Miss Pond took one of the little clenched fists between her own thin hands, not noticing that the slip of paper fluttered to the floor. "She didn't write to know how I was, didn't care whether I lived or died! I wish I hadn't asked! I thought maybe there was somebody, someone who loved me—"

"Remember she was sick and poor, Sally. Maybe she went to a hospital suddenly—and died. But there was no report in any papers of the State of her death," Miss Pond added conscientiously. "You mustn't grieve, Sally. You're nearly grown now. You'll be leaving us when you're 18, unless you want to stay on as an assistant matron or as a teacher—"

"Oh, no, no!" Sally cried. "I'll pack now, Miss Pond. And thank you a million times for telling me, even if it did hurt." In her distress Miss Pond trotted out of the locker-room without a thought for the bit of paper on which she had scribbled the meagre life history. But Sally had not forgotten it. She snatched it from the floor and pinned it to her "body waist," a vague resolution forming in her troubled heart.

When five o'clock came Sally Ford was waiting in the office for Clem Carson, her downcast eyes fixed steadily upon the small brown paper parcel in her lap, colour staining her neck and cheeks and brow, for Mrs. Stone, stiffly, awkwardly but conscientiously, was doing her institutional best to arm the State's charge for her first foray into the outside world.

"And so, Sally, I want you to remember to—keep your body pure and your mind clean," Mrs.

Stone summed up, her strong, heavy face almost as red as Sally's own. "You're too young to go out with young men, but you'll be meeting the hired hands on the farm. You—you mustn't let them take liberties of any kind with you. We try to give you girls in the Home a sound religious and moral training, and if—if you're led astray it will be due to the evils in your own nature and not to lack of proper Christian training. You understand me, Sally?" she added severely.

"Yes, Mrs. Stone," Sally answered in a smothered voice. Sally's hunted eyes glanced wildly about for a chance of escape and lighted upon the turning knob of the door. In a moment Clem Carson was edging in, his brown-leather face slightly flushed, a tell-tale odour of whisky and cloves on his breath.

"Little lady all ready to go?" he inquired with a suspiciously jovial laugh, which made Sally crouch lower in her chair. "Looking pretty as a picture, too! With two pretty girls in my house this summer, reckon I'll have to stand guard with a shotgun to keep the boys away."

Word had gone round that Sally Ford was leaving the Home for the summer, and as Clem Carson and his new unpaid hired girl walked together down the long cement walk to where his car was parked at the curb, nearly 300 little girls, packed like a herd of sheep in the wire-fenced playground adjoining the front lawn, sang out good-byes and good wishes.

"Good-bye, Sal-lee. Hope you have a good time!" "Good-bye, Sal-lee. Write me a letter, Sal-lee!" "Good-bye, good-bye!"

Sally, waving her Sunday handkerchief, craned her neck for a last sight of those blue-and-white-ginghamed little girls, the only playmates and friends she had in the world. There were tears in her eyes, and, queerly, for she thought she hated the Home—a stab of homesickness shooting through her heart. How safe they were, there in the playground pen! How simple and sheltered life was in the Home, after all! Suddenly she knew, somehow, that it was the last time she would ever see it, or the children.

Without a thought for the iron-clad "Keep off the grass" rule, Sally turned and ran, fleetly, her little figure as graceful as a fawn's, over the thick velvet carpet of the lawn. When she reached the high fence that separated her from the other orphans, she spread her arms, as if she would take them all into her embrace.

"Don't forget me, kids!" she panted, her voice thick with tears. "I want to tell you I love you all, and I'm sorry for every mean thing I ever did to any of you, and I hope you all get adopted by rich papas and mamas and have ice cream every day. Good-bye, kids! Good-bye!"

A little later, when Sally was seated primly beside Clem Carson, jolting rapidly down the road that led past the orphanage toward the business district of the city, the farmer nudged her in the ribs and chuckled:

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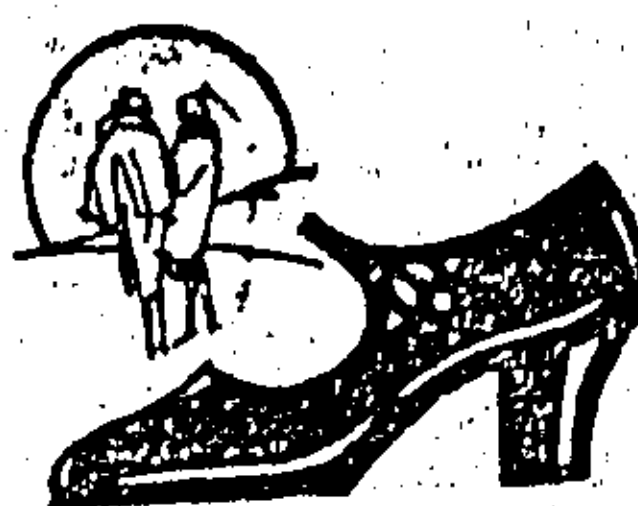
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ENQUIRY AT MARINE COURT.

A Marine Court of Enquiry continued at the Harbour Office yesterday afternoon to investigate the circumstances of the collision between s.s. Taming (Captain C. E. Mills) and the tow of the Standard Oil Company launch Katonah on the night of March 28-29.

Log as Exhibit.

On the resumption, Mr. Hugh Jones asked that the deck log of the Taming be put in as evidence. Mr. O. Fox, recalled, identified the exhibit, particularly in respect of those entries between 11.11 p.m. and 12.5 a.m. ("Various courses and speeds of Capsulmun Pass—Heavy rain.")

Quarrying the entry, "Of Capsulmun Pass", Mr. Hugh Jones asked why these terms were used, when, as a definite point, The Brothers would have been more reasonable. All entries up to midnight were made at the time of occurrence, said witness, while those later were made when entering Hongkong.

Mr. Hugh Jones pointed out that certain entries after midnight had been rubbed out and others substituted. Witness denied knowledge of any alterations. The log was put in for examination by the Court.

Replying to Mr. Hall Brutton, witness stated that the alterations of course were made off Castle Peak Bay. Examining the log entries, he could not say what the original entries had been.

Alleged Alterations.

Mr. Hugh Jones, answering the President, put it as the point at issue, that the entries in the log at present were a revision of the original entries, notwithstanding that those original entries had been made subsequent to the collision. Members of the Court examined the log in turn.

Witness answering the President said that he was on the bridge from five minutes after midnight until after the accident. The log was left on the bridge and was accessible to a number of people.

The President: When you wrote up the log subsequently, from what were you writing it up?

Witness: From my own memory and the engine room log.

The President remarked that the Court was quite satisfied that there had been previous entries in the log, but it was impossible to say what those entries had been. Mr. Hugh Jones agreed and did not suggest in any way what they might have been.

Witness, replying to further questions, said that he had been relieved by the Second Officer after the collision, but on the Second Officer being called as a witness, Captain Mills stated that he had left the ship and was not available.

Pilot's Evidence.

Li Un-chi, pilot of the Taming was called and he stated that he had been on the Canton run for 14 years, six of which had been in the capacity of licensed pilot. His evidence was corroborative as to ship movements and the presence of officers on the bridge.

The weather was such that he could see Ma Wan Light previous to and after the heavy rain squall, but not during the rain. The Taming was heading East by South when the lights of the tow, mainmast and starboard bow, were sighted about two miles away on the starboard bow.

The Taming maintained her course and when the tow was approximately 400 feet distant the launch sounded one blast, the Taming sounded two blasts and altered to port by the master's order. Witness sounded the blast himself. The port light of the towing launch then came in sight.

From the time of sighting until the alteration of course, the red light of the tow had not been seen. The Ma Wan Light was to the north of the approaching vessel on the first sighting. Witness showed the respective positions on the chart. He had anticipated that the two vessels would pass starboard wall clear, until the tow altered her course.

Master in Charge.

Cross examined by Mr. Hugh Jones, witness admitted keeping close to the north shore, but was not exceptional, as so. One third of a mile was his estimate. The Taming was just outside the Pass when the tow was sighted. The master took charge at Castle Peak and witness did not afterwards have any part in the control of the vessels.

Tried out by the Court on his knowledge of compass points, witness responded correctly, except, giving the alternative name for South 45 degrees East, his reply being North 45 West.

Chi Ling-sang, quartermaster of the Taming, corroborated courses and speeds, etc., giving his compass points in English. Witness could only be sure on alterations of courses, as his attention was concentrated on the steering. He did not see the tow strike but felt the shock. Ma Wan Light was sighted first on the starboard bow, while he never at any time saw the port light of the tow. This concluded the case for the Taming.

For the Katonah.

Ip Shun, coxswain of the launch Katonah, stated that he had been seven years in charge of the launch and 16 years with his present employers on river work. He was engaged in towing lighters between Hongkong, Kowloon, Wuchow and Canton, and was in the possession of a local certificate.

On the night of the collision, the Katonah was towing the lighter Vermont, heavily laden and secured alongside to port, making through Capsulmun Pass at about 400 yards from the North shore. After altering course to starboard when through the Pass, Ma Wan Light was fine on the port quarter and to the north. The lights of a steamer were sighted shortly after port. The steamer lights were two at the mainmast and one red light. The lights of the tow were shown on the starboard side of the Katonah and the port side of the lighter. On the nearer approach of the steamer, witness steered a little to starboard and subsequently both side lights of the steamer came into view. One blast was sounded and a further alteration made. The steamer's port light was then shut out and only the starboard light was visible. At a distance of 300 feet, witness stopped his launch and then put her engines full astern, but a collision occurred.

Failed to stop.

In witness's opinion, when towing a full lighter at his best speed of 3 1/2 knots, he could stop in three quarters of a mile's length in a little more than 10 seconds.

When the Taming was struck at a point a little above the green light, she appeared to be going full-speed ahead. She continued on her course without stopping, or making any sort of enquiry after the crash. Examination of the lighter Vermont showed she was leaking and as baling was necessary, the tow returned to Hongkong. Cross examined by Mr. Hall Brutton, witness claimed that he was closer to the North shore than the Taming. When the heavy rain squall was on at 11.45, the Katonah was entering the Pass and the collision took place at about 12.30. She was passing the Red Light at 12.15 and then

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PERMITTED.

London, Apr. 4.—The London County Council at an all-night sitting has adopted a recommendation of their Theatres and Music Halls Committee to allow the exhibition of the Cavell film "Dawn," on condition that the scene in which the private in the firing party is shot "for" refusing to obey orders be omitted, and that no child under sixteen be permitted to see the film unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.—Reuter.

altered to starboard. On the bridge with witness was a pilot, a quartermaster and a sailor, witness being in charge.

The Compass.—Confusion arose in the interpretation of compass points and it was decided by the Court that nothing could be gained by stressing the exactness of witness's replies in this respect, he having no knowledge of the compass card.

Continuing, witness stated that on near approach to the Taming, he had sounded a long blast, this being a matter of about 30 or 40 seconds before the collision. He had no log as such, but he kept a book in which he recorded times of arrival and departure from various points.

A Breeze.

Mr. Hall Brutton put a number of questions to witness "relative to the width of the Channel and distances of his ship from the bank, and these were objected to by Mr. Hugh Jones, who described them as "unfair," observing the nature of the channel and the lack of definition in the questions.

There was further repetition of evidence, when witness was asked to explain his relative position to the Taming. He had altered course to give her more room to pass, he said, and after the collision the Katonah was heading North and the Taming, East.

Mr. Hugh Jones rose to protest against "the constant perversion of witness's evidence." "My friend," continued Mr. Hugh Jones, appears to be fond of using the expression "hard-a-starboard," but it is probable that he doesn't know what it means—and he seems to think that whenever a ship alters course she must put her helm hard-a-starboard. I do not wish evidence to be taken in such a manner, as when my friend repeats it incorrectly.

There were further passages, which were smoothed over by the President questioning the witness on the points under examination. Witness repeated his statements as to distance, but there appeared to have been a confusion of 2,000 yards and 2,000 feet. The Katonah and Vermont were both fitted with side light screens and these were in use. The lights of the Taming were not visible at a greater distance than the 2,000 feet, already mentioned, but he could not explain why this should be so. The collision occurred 15 minutes after the first sighting.

The President pointed out to witness that if his times were correct the Taming must have been 3 1/2 miles away when first sighted, or approximately 21,000 feet. The reply could not be understood, but witness appeared to give satisfactory answers to questions relative to sound signals. The Taming was in sight within a few seconds of the Katonah's leaving the Pass he said and showed only her red light.

On the conclusion of this evidence, the Court adjourned at 5.15 until 10 o'clock this morning.

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CITY FIRE.

EXCITEMENT IN WYNDHAM STREET.

The fire brigade was summoned yesterday at 4.50 p.m. to a fire which broke out at a house in Lan Kwai Fong, a lane in a dense Chinese district between Wyndham and D'Aguiar Streets.

The cause of the outbreak is believed to be the careless handling of matches by a small girl, causing a bad curtain in one of the cubicles to catch fire. The fire quickly spread and soon all the cubicles in the house were in flames.

It would appear that there was only one adult in the house at the time of the outbreak—a girl of seventeen. There were also three children, two of them very young.

The flames shot through the roof of the house and were visible from houses in Wyndham Street as well as Wellington Street and D'Aguiar Street. The inmates deserted the premises when all hope of the fire being extinguished by means of buckets of water was given up.

The Fire Brigade was communicated with, and although the machines at the Central Fire Station were at the parade ground taking part in a practice in connection with the police inspection by His Excellency the Governor on April 17, they promptly left and arrived on the scene of the outbreak soon after the alarm was given.

Under the charge of Superintendent H. T. Brooks, the men worked systematically to prevent the flames from enveloping the neighbouring houses and they succeeded so well that despite the fact that the burning house was well in flames at the time of their arrival, they put the conflagration under in fifteen minutes.

It is understood that one of the children who was in the house at the time of the outbreak was left behind, but was removed to safety by an unknown Chinese.

The prompt arrival of the brigade prevented what might have been a big fire, as the locality is unusually thickly covered with houses and the street very narrow.

U. S. AND NANKING.

WHAT PEKING THINKS OF SETTLEMENT.

Shanghai, Apr. 4.
 It transpires that when Mr. MacMurray and General Hwang Fu met at Shanghai on February 26 both expressed an earnest desire to settle the Nanking incident and authorised Consul General Cunningham and Dr. G. Zay Wood, the chief of the American and European section of the Nationalist Foreign Ministry, to take up preliminary negotiations, with the result that after a month's work, the ground work was ready when Mr. MacMurray returned from his Yangtze trip, and after two sessions Mr. MacMurray and General Hwang Fu agreed to the drafts, after which the Notes were drawn up and signed on March 30.
 Careful perusal bears out the opinion in the Legations at Peking that the successful outcome of the negotiations is in the nature of a personal triumph for Mr. MacMurray.—*Reuter.*

SANNING REFLOATED.

TWO WEEKS IN PIRATE HAUNT.

A wireless message was received in the Colony yesterday, stating that the Hongkong-Wuchow steamer Sanning which had been aground in the pirate-infested district of Tai Ping Sha since March 23 refloated with the tide early on Tuesday morning.
 The Sanning grounded at the top of high water on the highest tide of the period and remained high and dry with two feet of rudder showing in spite of lighter having been requisitioned for discharging cargo.
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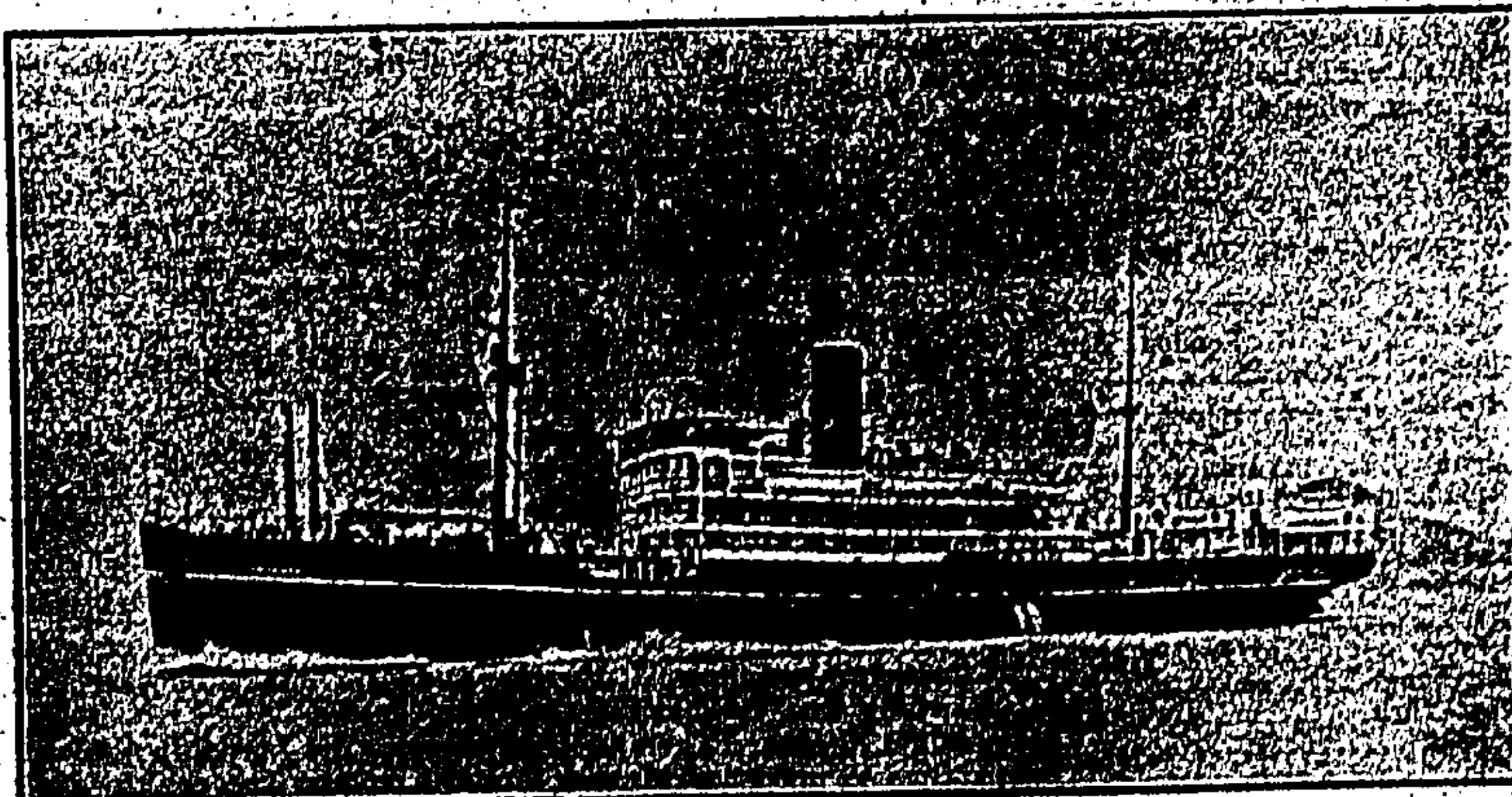
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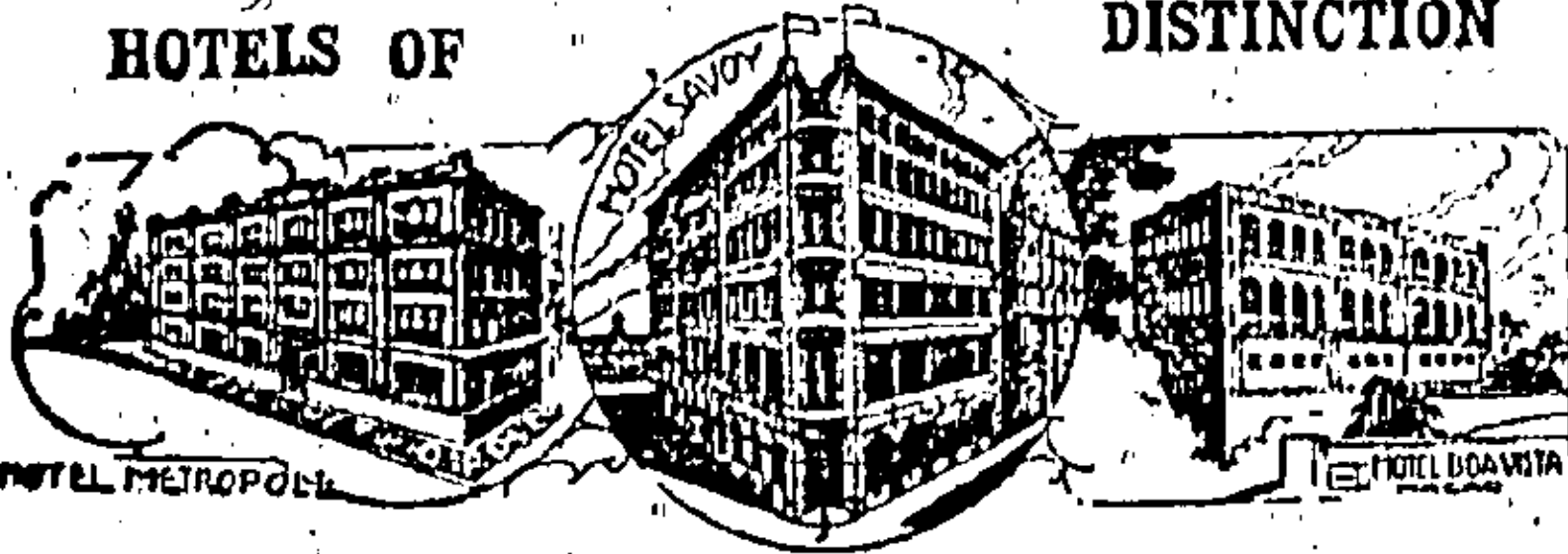
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CAPSIMUM PASS
COLLISION.

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sels maintained their course, they would have passed clear. The Katonah altered to starboard to give more clearance, but, immediately after, both side lights of the Taming came into view. Sound signals were made by the Katonah in accordance with alterations of course, and engines were stopped as the Taming closed. Engines were put astern as the Taming bore down on the Katonah. The Taming answered the sound signals.

The Collision.

In cross-examination by Mr. Bruton witness stated that the lights of the Taming were not seen sooner because the Katonah was close in shore. The distance of the vessels apart was about 2,000 feet and they closed to the collision in 18 seconds. Witness stated that he sounded a blast at sighting and then added that the collision took place 60 seconds later.

The President called witness's attention to the discrepancy.

Leung Ching, a sailor of the Katonah, at the wheel on the night of the collision, stated that he steered in accordance with instructions and kept to the right of the Channel, altering to starboard after passing Ma Wan. Soon after straightening up, he saw the Taming on his port, then about 2,000 feet away from the Katonah. The coxswain ordered him to alter course slightly to starboard. After this, both lights of the Taming could be seen. From that time until the collision it was about 30 seconds. He heard no signal from the Taming. High land prevented him sighting the Taming earlier.

Range of Vision.

Witness was questioned by the Court as to the range of vision when clear of Capsimum and admitted that it was possible to see about six miles to the westward when clear of Ma Wan, but he re-asserted that he had not seen the Taming lights at a less distance than 2,000 feet, although maintaining a strict lookout all round. His view was in no way obstructed by the lighter.

Wong Tin-yu, coxswain of the lighter Vermont, was called and stated that it was usual for the tug to shout instructions when course was to be altered. Witness corroborated statements by previous witness as to alterations of course, distance from the north shore and sighting of the Taming's lights. The green light of the Taming was not seen until immediately before the collision.

Cross-examined, witness said he received his orders to alter course from the coxswain of the Katonah. He knew nothing of charts nor the names of points beyond Capsimum. When the Taming was first sighted she was well outside of the Katonah and not shut in by land.

Didn't Know "Mile."

A series of questions as to distances led to nothing satisfactory, and witness was told to stand down after explaining to the Court that while he knew what a foot was, he did not understand "a mile."

Mr. Robert K. Duncan, of Tak-koo Dock, gave evidence as to the damage done to the Taming. A sketch plan of the profile of the vessel was produced and witness pointed out the area of damage. There appeared to be no signs of "scraping" along the side of the Taming.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hugh Jones, witness was unable to define the difference between a collision "of" or "with" a vessel such as was the case with the Taming and Vermont. Three shell plates had been removed, and the damage was consistent with one vessel striking the other at right angles.

The Court then adjourned until 4.30 p.m. when the finding will be given.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Apr. 4.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.95
Amsterdam	121.74
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.20
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Athens	5.68 1/2
Rio	5.59 1/4
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New York	4.83 1/2
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Oslo	18.28
Helsingfors	18.38
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DIOCESAN BOYS'
SCHOOL.ATTRACTIVE "AT HOME"
ARRANGED.

There is to be an interesting function at the Diocesan Boys' School on Saturday, the 14th instant, when the Headmaster and Mrs. W. T. Featherstone, the staff and scholars will be "At Home" to parents and guardians, old boys and friends, from 3.30 to 7 p.m. The programme will be as follows:

From 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. on the Terrace.—Programme by the full Band of the 1st Bn. the Queen's Royal Regiment.

From 4 to 5 p.m.—Exhibition Games: Football match v. the Machine Gun Section of the Queen's Regiment; cricket at the nets; tennis matches; volley ball match.

From 4.45 to 5.30 p.m.—Roller Skating: Exhibition by 10 boys and general by 25 boys.

From 5 to 7 p.m. in the Hall.—Band and dance programme by the Queen's Regiment Band.

Visitors will be invited to inspect the buildings and grounds.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

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worthy of analysis, since it has no merit whatever.

Again, in 1857, we read—"A sort of trio to the quick movement in the romanza consists of gasping strains that may be likened to the final breathing of a dying fish."

The finale is more clear and rational, and for a very good reason—the reminiscences of Beethoven are absurdly palpable. In 1858: "Some discords are enough to perpendicularise one's hair. In the finale these painful noises are again indulged in. We might put up with it to the end of the Romanza, but beyond this point the patience of an audience should not be tried."

These strange, and to us ridiculous, criticisms could be quoted indefinitely; yet they were made only a few generations ago. Should not our attitude to Arnold Schonberg and his conferees be one of respect and endeavour to discover what is the idea behind all these unmusical catterwaulings? To save ourselves from ridicule at the hands of our grand-children, perhaps it should. But it doesn't prevent us from having our "patience tried" and our "hair perpendicularised" in 1928, in just the same way as Schumann's critics suffered seventy years ago!

The most notable records in the new Columbia arrivals are (a) Introduction to Lohengrin (b) Mendelssohn's Ruy Blas Overture (c) Dvorak's Carnival Overture and (d) Porpora's Sonata for Cello, played by Antoni Sala. Three of the four happen to be orchestral, the vocal and miscellaneous records being of average interest. Szigeti's violin playing is well reproduced in Debussy's Menuet and Kreisler's Tamborin Chinois, but the latter has been done previously by other players. Doris Vane's voice is pleasing and very clear in two ballads, one of which is "O Lovely Night" of Landon Ronald's, sung here recently with success by Mr. H. E. Gardiner. Two of Strauss' waltzes appear on another record. An unusual feature is the recording of St. Paul's Cathedral bells on Armistice Day; they are half muffled. For those who live at a distance from St. John's Cathedral, this would be quite a good record to put on while dressing on Sunday-mornings. For real jazz piano-playing, one could not wish for anything better than Billy Mayerl's Puppets Suite on two 10-inch records. The usual issue of dance, cinema organ and vocal records includes two by Layton and Johnstone, the American duettists.

BUILDING CASE
JUDGMENT.

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Mr. Potter remarked that the whole trend of the cross-examination was that that was a wrong figure.

His Lordship remarked that Mr. Sheldon was entitled to say there was evidence from which he (his Lordship) could come to that conclusion. He had raised the point because he did not want Mr. Sheldon to think he (his Lordship) agreed that it was unchallenged.

Mr. Sheldon referred to a brick-book belonging to the plaintiff which had been in Court and which was the basis of the plaintiff's figures. There had not been time to make translations, but the other side could have seen that book and based their cross-examination on it.

Mr. Potter remarked that they had tried to see the book but it was not until a week before the trial that it was made available.

Mr. Sheldon referred to other evidence with regard to price and submitted that the actual price

COMPANY MEETING.

BANK OF CANTON SEES
BETTER OUTLOOK.

The seventeenth ordinary general meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., was held yesterday in the Bank's Board Room. Mr. Li Yuk-tong, the Chairman of the Board, presided and was supported by the following directors: Messrs. Li Sing-kul, Choy Chong, Li Yuk-mui, Lau Siu-wan, Tam Woon-tong, Li Po-kwai, Chan Fuchoung and Li Tsz-chung (Manager). Shareholders present were Messrs. Kwan Shu-john, Lam Kui-leung, Cheng Yuet-po, S. M. Churn, Ng Chook-chuen, J. H. Law, Tam Tsz-tang, Lui Shui-ching, Yau Sam-sing, Yuen Seng-kam, Li Shu-fong, Choy Tin-yat, Leung Yuk-san, and Li Ping-chiu.

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts said: Gentlemen, the annual report and statement of Accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission I will take them as read.

"I might mention that our net profit for the year under review is shown much less than that of the preceding year, mainly due to the political disturbances which caused the suspension of all business in Hankow for practically the whole of the year 1927. Under such circumstances our branch there was unable to do any business during that year while the same conditions also prevailed in Canton throughout the latter half of the same year. Our branches in these two cities have had a very trying time during the disturbed period; but all our other branches have been able to make a fair profit. However, I am glad that general conditions appear to look a little brighter at present and we hope to see better results in the workings of the present year. With these remarks, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts and when it has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question to the best of my ability."

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. Choy Cheong, and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors. The election of four Directors was adjourned to the 24th instant.

PREMIER DROPS A
BOMBSHELL.

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There was unparalleled excitement on the Rubber Exchange. Trading reached a record volume, no fewer than 2,507 lots changing hands in the space of three hours.

July deliveries opened at 20 1/2 cents, and there were similar movements in most other positions. Mr. Baldwin's decision is far more drastic than was expected. The general opinion of the trade was that the regulations would be revised, but few believed that the restrictions would be totally abolished.

The total business done during the day amounted to 8,935 tons, valued at \$161,200 and eclipsing all records in the history of the Exchange.—Reuter's American Service.

ROYAL OAK COURT
MARTIAL.

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The grounds of the objection to Rear-Admiral Meade were because he was a member of the court of enquiry, and to Rear-Admiral Tomkinson because, as chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, he had seen some papers in the case.

Trial Adjourned.

Rear-Admirals Munroe and Bedford replaced them.

The Prosecutor also successfully objected to Rear-Admiral Colard sitting in the Court, because he was a witness in the trial.

Captain Dewar conducted his own case, Mr. Day Kimball merely advising him.

The court-martial was adjourned till to-morrow.—Reuter.

paid by the plaintiff was \$190 per 10,000, and that that was, in fact, the ruling price of the contract brick at the time.

The Judgment.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs for \$35,760 with costs.

His Lordship allowed the following on the counter-claim:—Defective bricks, \$19,880; other defective work, \$4,625; delay in completion of contract, \$7,500; water used by plaintiff and paid for by the defendant, \$600; removal of earth from the site, \$900.

The total judgment on the counter-claim was \$23,505, the difference between the two amounts being \$2,255.

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